

Early Winter

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GOLDEN, Colo. – A heavy, early season winter storm slammed into Colorado and southeast Wyoming on Tuesday night, delivering in one roundhouse punch more snow than the Denver area typically gets in all of October. The piling on continued through Wednesday with 12-14 inches total in some places in foothills communities like this one, west of Denver, and even more in the higher peaks and passes of the Rockies. Many schools and some highways were closed, with scattered power outages and traffic accidents reported as many residents awoke to 10 inches or more of wet snow for the morning rush. The wider, noisier tale was told in leaves. With many trees still in brilliant fall foliage, the leaves acted like millions of tiny



An Air Force One crew member cleans snow out of an engine at Buckley Air Force Base in Aurora, Colo., Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011, prior to President Barack Obama's departure to Washington. (AP Photo/Jack Dempsey)

scoops, or perhaps snow shovels, holding the snow and snapping branches that a month from now could probably have held firm and skeletal against the season's worst hits.

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Everyday People

Cities begin crackdown on 'Occupy' protests

Demonstrators with the Occupy Oakland movement march through the area near City Hall in Oakland, Calif. Riot police in Oakland dispersed hundreds of protesters with tear gas as crowds tried to re-enter a plaza outside of City Hall that the authorities had cleared of an encampment earlier in the day. (Jim Wilson/The New York Times)

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OAKLAND, Calif. – After weeks of cautiously accepting the teeming, round-the-clock protests spawned by Occupy Wall Street, several stressed-out cities have come to the end of their patience, and others appear to be not far behind. Here in Oakland, in a scene reminiscent of the anti-war protests of the 1960s, police filled downtown streets with tear gas late Tuesday to stop throngs of protesters from re-entering a City Hall plaza that had been cleared of their encampment earlier in the day. And those protests, which resulted in more than 100 arrests and at least one life-threatening injury, appeared ready to ignite again Wednesday night as supporters of the Occupy movement promised to retake the square.

Wednesday evening, city officials were trying to defuse the situation, opening

streets around City Hall, although the encampment site was still fenced off.

Across the Bay, meanwhile, in the usually liberal environs of San Francisco, city officials there had also seemingly hit their breaking point, warning several hundred protesters that they were in violation of the law by camping at a downtown site after voicing concerns about unhealthy and often squalid conditions in the camp, including garbage, vermin and human waste. In Atlanta, Mayor Kasim Reed ordered police to arrest more than 50 protesters early Wednesday and remove their tents from a downtown park after deciding that the situation had become unsafe, despite originally issuing executive orders to let them camp there overnight.

And like many of his mayoral colleagues nationwide, Reed openly expressed frustration with the protesters' methods. "The attitude I have seen here is

not consistent with any civil rights protests I have seen in Atlanta," Reed said in an interview, "and certainly not consistent with the most respected forms of

which they have occupied since Oct. 15.

And while other bigger cities, including New York, Boston and Philadelphia, have taken a more tolerant view



Demonstrators with the Occupy Oakland movement try to re-enter an area near City Hall in Oakland, Calif. (Jim Wilson/The New York Times)

civil disobedience." Similar confrontations could soon come to pass in other cities, including Providence, R.I., where Mayor Angel Taveras has vowed to seek a court order to remove protesters from Burnside Park,

of the protests – for now – officials are still grappling with growing concerns about crime, sanitation and homelessness at the encampments.

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Even in Los Angeles, where the City Council passed a resolution in support of the protesters, Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa warned Wednesday that they would not be allowed to remain outside City Hall indefinitely.

Dot Joyce, a spokeswoman for Mayor Thomas M. Menino of Boston, echoed that.

"It's a daily assessment for us," she said.

More and more, mayors say they have found themselves walking a complex and politically delicate line: simultaneously wanting to respect the right to free speech and assembly, but increasingly concerned that the protests cannot stay orderly and safe.

"We can do lots of different things to help them on our end," said Taveras, who estimates that roughly 200 people have camped out in Providence despite a city rule forbidding such behavior. "But we cannot allow an indefinite stay there, and we can't allow them to continue to violate the law."



Tasha Casini shows her leg, which she said was bruised by a police bean bag round, at an intersection where Occupy Oakland protesters clashed with police Tuesday night near City Hall in Oakland, Calif., Oct. 26, 2011. Riot police in Oakland dispersed hundreds of protesters with tear gas on Tuesday night as crowds tried to re-enter a plaza outside of City Hall that the authorities had cleared of an encampment earlier in the day. (Jim Wilson/The New York Times)

Still, despite the increased pressure from local authorities, the protests showed little sign of slacking. In Chicago, for example, demonstrators gathered Wednesday outside the office of Mayor Rahm Emanuel – President Barack Obama's former chief of staff – requesting 24-hour access to

Grant Park and demanding that charges be dropped against the more than 300 protesters who were arrested there over the past couple of weeks.

"He's denying us our constitutional right to not only free speech but peaceful continual assembly," said Andy Manos, 32, one of the

protesters.

Even in Democratic Chicago, officials seemed to be straining to allow for dissent, while maintaining order.

"We've been working hard to strike a balance," said Chris Mather, a spokeswoman for Emanuel, who added that the mayor's office had tried to set up

meetings with protesters, who themselves said they were trying to find a permanent home for their demonstrations.

Indeed, some city officials said the tensions surrounding the Occupy protests have been increased because many of the groups involved have few recognized leaders.

"It's a significant challenge to deal with their decision-making process," said Richard Negrin, a deputy mayor and the managing director in Philadelphia, where tents form a protest village outside City Hall.

In Oakland, where one protester – Scott Olsen, an Iraq war veteran – was in critical condition at a local hospital after being struck in the head with a projectile during the chaotic street battle Tuesday, city officials defended their actions, saying the police were prompted to use tear gas after being pelted with rocks.

"These violent actions prompted the use of less-than-lethal munitions including tear gas by law enforcement to disperse the crowd," the city said in a statement. □

Colorado slammed by early snowstorm

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The falling branches took down power lines and clogged local streets, and woke some people in the night with arboreal groans, pops and crashes. Xcel Energy, the region's biggest power provider, reported more than 600 local electricity outages affecting nearly 67,000 customers.

Sections of interstate highways in Wyoming and Colorado were closed, and residents faced mazelike driving conditions in many urban neighborhoods clogged with tree-limbs and snow.

Denver International Airport, though, reported only minimal delays for morning flights, with planes needing deicing before takeoff, but runways and other services

were open.

In Fort Collins, north of Denver, the snow-load split a 30-foot Chinese Elm tree down the center of its trunk. The Red Cross set up a shelter in the high school in Loveland for people with no electricity. Temperatures were expected to plummet in the storm's aftermath, to the midteens by Thursday morning.

Five people in the Occupy Denver protests, at a park in Denver, were hospitalized for weather-related exposure complaints, protesters said in a posting to their Facebook page.

Although the Denver area averages only about 4 inches of snow in October, according to the National Weather Service, the month can offer extremes of early-bird winter weath-



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er or leftover summer heat. On Monday, for example, a record high for the date – 80 degrees – was set in Denver, and temperatures were expected to be back

into the high 50s by Saturday.

Autumn snow in the mountains has already left its mark this year, and allowed some of the earliest ever

opening dates for skiing, with one resort, Wolf Creek, about four hours southwest of Denver, starting operations before mid-month after a storm that dumped more than 3 feet of skiable powder.

Meteorologists said Wednesday's storm was a good omen for Denver, which was mostly parched last winter, with only about 23 inches of snow in the city from September to May. The Denver metro region sits just northwest of the vast swath of drought that stretches into New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

"We thinking it won't be as dry as last year â(euro)" that's our guess, and 8 to 10 inches is a really good start," said Jim Kalina, a meteorologist with National Weather Service. □

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Perry says "no doubt" Obama is an American citizen



Republican presidential candidate Texas Gov. Rick Perry holds up the tax form he says that American's would fill out as he outlined a broad economic proposal of a flat 20% income tax rate during a news conference at the State House in Columbia, S.C.

(AP Photo/Mary Ann Chastain)

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican presidential candidate Rick Perry backtracked from comments that indicated he doubted President Barack Obama was a U.S. citizen, complicating his efforts to right his troubled campaign and leading some Republicans to question whether he's done irreparable damage to his run by dabbling in the "birther" controversy.

Perry's comments in recent days about Obama's birthplace have overshadowed the Texas governor's unveiling of his economic plan, a move aimed at returning to the top contender tier in the Republican primary race. Perry shot to the top of the field after entering the race this summer, but quickly fell behind former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and businessman Herman Cain after weak debate performances. Speculation about

Obama's birthplace — a way to question whether his presidency is legitimate — has swirled among conservatives for years. As mogul Donald Trump fanned the issue earlier this year, Obama held a news conference to release his long-form birth certificate and try to put the issue to rest. Obama's father was born in Kenya, and some conservatives believe Obama was too, which would make him ineligible to be president. Some Republicans privately worry that Perry's comments about Obama's birth certificate may have endeared him to the party's conservative wing but also may have started to marginalize Perry from the larger electorate. That would make defeating Obama difficult if Perry managed to win the Republican nomination. His comments certainly irked several Republican

luminaries, like former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, who in recent days have urged Republican presidential candidates to stop raising the issue. Others, like Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour and campaign rival Jon Huntsman say it's bad for the party.

Karl Rove, George W. Bush's political strategist, said Perry may be hurting his campaign. "You associate yourself with a nutty view like that, and you damage yourself," Rove said on Fox News.

Perhaps for that reason, Perry seemed to try to put the issue to rest in an interview with two Florida news organizations, Bay News 9's "Political Connections" in Tampa and the St. Petersburg Times.

Asked whether he had any doubt that Obama was an American citizen, Perry said: "I have no doubt about it." But he also suggested that raising the issue is "fun" and that people should "lighten up a little bit." While other Republican presidential candidates have kept their distance on the issue, Perry deeply waded into the topic in an interview published over the weekend in Parade magazine. He was quoted as saying that he has "no reason to believe" that Obama was not born in the United States, but also said he still wasn't sure if Obama's birth certificate is legit. "I don't have a definitive answer," Perry said in that interview. □

Towns see crime, carousing surge amid gas boom



Workers move a section of well casing into place at a Chesapeake Energy well site in Bradford County. In a modern-day echo of the raucous Old West, small towns enjoying a boom in oil and gas drilling are seeing a sharp increase in drunken driving, bar fights and other hell-raising, blamed largely on an influx of young men who find themselves with lots of money in their pockets and nothing to do after they get off work.

(AP Photo/Ralph Wilson)

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TOWANDA, Pa. (AP) — In a modern-day echo of the raucous Old West, small towns enjoying a boom in oil and gas drilling are seeing a sharp increase in drunken driving, bar fights and other hell-raising, blamed largely on an influx of young men who find themselves with lots of money in their pockets and nothing to do after they get off work.

Authorities in Pennsylvania and other states are quick to point out that the vast majority of workers streaming in are law-abiding. But they also say the drilling industry has brought with it a hard-working, hard-drinking, rough-and-tumble element that, in some places, threatens to overwhelm law enforcement. Some police departments are trying to hire more officers but are hard-pressed to com-

pete with the industry for applicants.

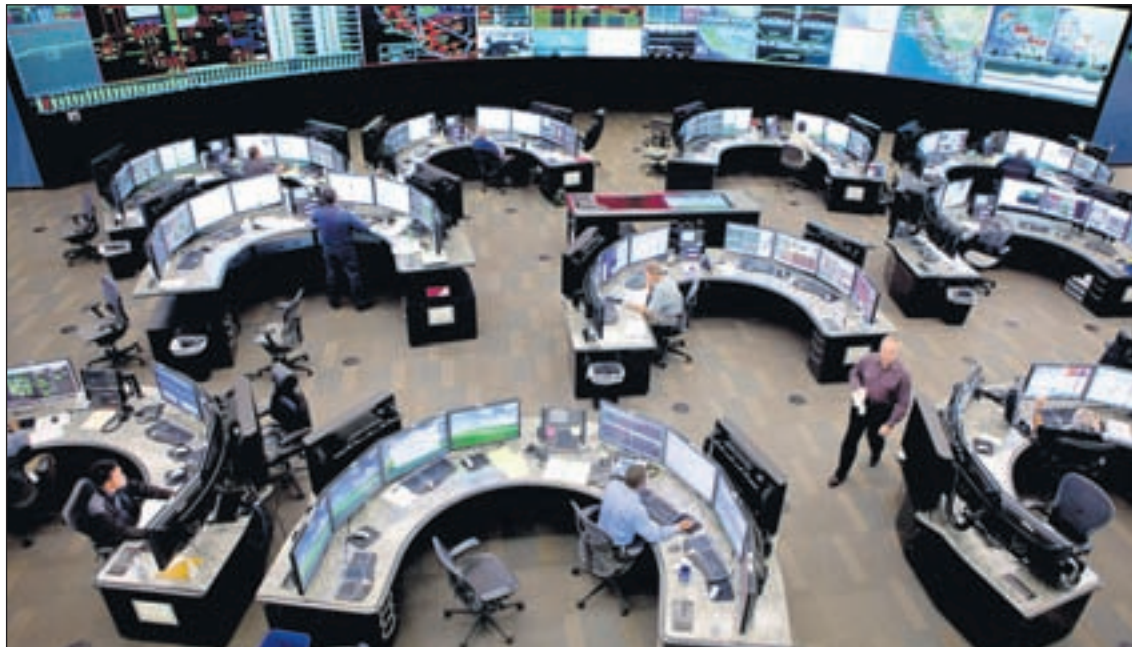
"On one hand, we need to count our blessings," said Sheriff Scott Busching of Williams County, N.D. "On the other hand, we need to see if we can control this so it isn't chickens one day and feathers the next. ... We have come to the point here where we're almost overwhelmed. It's very close." In Bradford County, Pennsylvania's most heavily drilled county in the 3-year-old rush to tap the Marcellus Shale, the nation's largest-known natural gas reservoir, the stream of men from Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and elsewhere has been accompanied by increases in arrests, traffic violations, protection-from-abuse orders and warrants issued for people who don't show up in court, law enforcement officials said. □

On the front lines of the power grid

MATTHEW L. WALD Quick! You are on duty in a secret control room in a nondescript, windowless building. The sign out front is so small that people driving by cannot read it, and it may give no clue what goes on inside, anyway. But your task is crucial: You are matching the ever-changing power needs of tens of millions of electricity customers with supply coming from hundreds of electricity generators, deciding which units will run and which

tions, you are on your way to a job in an increasingly tough and essential field: managing the North American power grid. "The bar is being raised," said Lourdes Estrada-Salinerio, the director of operations compliance and control at the California Independent System Operator, one of the more than 100 "balancing authorities" that are responsible for coordinating supply with demand in some portion of the North American grid. About 40

into power pools, with one control room handling the supply for multiple utilities. The earliest was the entity now known as PJM, which used to stand for Pennsylvania-Jersey-Maryland but now stretches into all or part of Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, Illinois and scattered parts of other states. New York had a power pool and so did the six New England states. The job got exponentially more complicated when the federal government



The control room at the California Independent System Operator in Folsom, Calif., Oct. 19, 2011. In anonymous buildings, the control rooms for the nation's electricity grid are staffed by operators whose split-second decisions keep the power humming.

(Max Whittaker/The New York Times)

ones will be idle, and making quick adjustments for the generators you can't schedule, like the wind machines and solar panels. Hardly anybody will ever know you are here, unless you mess up. All is going smoothly until you get a message from a neighboring electrical entity requesting emergency assistance. A quick glance at your computer screen tells you that you have sufficient spare capacity to help. Should you:

A. Call your contracts department and ask what price you will charge?
B. Go ahead and raise the generation in your area by the required amount?
D. Set up an emergency schedule with your neighbor?

If you answered D, and you also gave the correct answers to several much more complicated ques-

percent of all the energy used in the United States – all the oil, gas and coal, uranium, wind and falling water – is turned into electricity before it is consumed, and that fraction seems destined to rise, as more air-conditioners, electric cars and yet-to-be invented hand-held gizmos are added to customers' inventory. But the tolerance for failure is getting lower, and the power mix is getting more complicated. States, led by California, are demanding that an increasing fraction of the electricity come from sources that can turn themselves on or off with very little warning, as the weather changes and the wind and sunlight vary. Utility companies used to hire and train their own people to operate their systems. As the grid became more interconnected, some utilities organized themselves

pressed the pools to convert into power markets, where the utilities would sell off their generating stations and third parties would be allowed to build generators.

The hour-by-hour decisions about who would generate to serve what load were made mostly by an auction process and turned the pools into "independent system operators."

The human operator's job, though, was mostly still unregulated until August 2003, when a series of errors in a control room in Carmel, Ind., at the Midwest Independent System Operator, created the biggest blackout in history. (For future reference, when disabling vital computer systems to install upgrades, kindly do not neglect to warn the system operators and do not leave the systems shut off when you go to lunch.) □

Poe's cottage, weak and weary no more

PATRICIA COHEN © 2011 New York Times

NEW YORK – It was a poor man's house, with tiny rooms and low ceilings when Edgar Allan Poe lived there more than 160 years ago, when residing in what later became the Bronx meant breathing fresh country air.

Now this city-owned cottage, where Poe wrote the poems "Annabel Lee" and "The Bells" and the short story "The Cask of Amontillado," is receiving the finishing touches of a nearly half-million dollar renovation. And while the official

partly evoked by his memorably macabre stories like "The Tell-Tale Heart," and "The Pit and the Pendulum." (The Film Society Lincoln Center is capping its forthcoming Scary Movies series with a Halloween performance of "Nevermore," Jeffrey Combs' one-man show about Poe.)

What remains as tightly sealed as the crypt that imprisons Fortunato in "The Cask" is the Poe Park Visitors Center, which sits a stone's throw away in the adjacent playground and was completed this year. The iron-gray pavilion, with a



Workers finish the restoration of the cottage where Edgar Allan Poe lived with his wife and his mother in law, in New York. The cottage, one of the Bronx's oldest literary landmarks, awaits its reopening and financing for its visitors center.

(Fred R. Conrad/The New York Times)

date to reopen the house after more than a year of work is still uncertain, school groups started to visit the site this week.

The timing seems only fitting. October is the month of Poe's mysterious death, in 1849, and ends with Halloween, whose spirit is so ex-

V-shape roof (like the wing-span of a raven) and slate shingles to evoke feathers, was designed by the architect Toshiko Mori and is being promoted by the Bronx Historical Society as both a complement to the Poe house and "a venue with boroughwide appeal." □

US won't help Alabama apply immigration law

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The government has not offered to help Alabama put in place a strict immigration law that the Obama administration is challenging in court, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said Wednesday. The administration has sued to block the law, considered the toughest state immigration controls in the country.

"We have been working with the Department of Justice in its challenge to that law," Napolitano told the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives. A federal appeals court in Atlanta, Georgia, temporarily blocked a part of the law this month that required public schools to check the immigration status of students. The court did not bar law enforcement officials from detaining people suspected of being in the country illegally. □

Search for Arizona girl leads some to question her mother

MARC LACEY

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GLENDAL, Ariz. — Fliers have been posted on storefronts. Detectives have gone door to door. An Amber alert has been issued to sound the alarm that a girl is missing. The disappearance of 5-year-old Jhessye Shockley from this Phoenix suburb on Oct. 11 has, in some ways, stuck to the script of what occurs coast to coast when children cannot be found. But the case of little Jhessye, whose name is pronounced Jessie and who was last seen wearing blue jean shorts, a white T-shirt and pink flip-flops, has troubling elements all its own.

Relatives of Jhessye, who is black, have criticized the media for not giving the case the same national attention that they say is given to white children who have disappeared. But the considerable media scrutiny that has been focused in Arizona on the missing child has riled the family as well, with some of the suspicion for Jhessye's disappearance directed at her



Josie Hunter, right, places a sign at a makeshift memorial for five-year-old Jhessye Shockley, who is missing, in Chandler, Ariz., Oct. 26, 2011. Relatives of Shockley have criticized the national news media for not giving her disappearance on Oct. 11 enough attention, but local scrutiny has also directed some of the suspicion at her mother.

(Joshua Lott/The New York Times)

mother, Jerice Hunter. Before Jhessye was born, Hunter pleaded no contest in California to abusing her other children. She served 3 1/2 years in state prison, during which time Jhessye,

who was born before her mother's sentence began, and the other children lived with relatives. It was Shirley Johnson, Hunter's mother, who reported that abuse to the

authorities, although she is now convinced that her daughter turned her life around and was taking good care of the children. "All the time and energy that's focused on my daughter's past should go toward looking for Jhessye," said Johnson, who flew in from northern California to help in the search.

Since Jhessye went missing, however, relatives who helped take care of her while her mother was in jail have come forward to air their suspicions that the girl was suffering from abuse. Recounting a conversation she had with Jhessye at a family barbecue in April, one of those relatives, Mahogany Hightower, told the Arizona Republic: "She cried really bad, telling us she wanted us to take her home. She wanted to go home now." □

Marco Rubio panders to Tea Party with 'exile' tale

Frank Cerabino

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WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. -- I haven't been playing this right.

All along, I thought my grandparents were just economic refugees from a dysfunctional country with a warm climate. I never thought beyond the obvious: that they put down new roots in America because it was a prosperous nation that offered them better lives than the country of their birth.

But I needed to repackage my family story better.

If I were more ambitious, I would have been tirelessly promoting myself as the grandson of exiles.

Yes, I should have stuck a line at the top of my bio to say that my grandparents came to America "following Benito Mussolini's takeover of Italy."

OK, that's not quite true. Mussolini and his fascist



Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., speaks at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, Calif. (AP Photo/Jae C. Hong, File)

blackshirts didn't march into Rome until 1922, which was a couple of years after my mom's parents boarded ships for Ellis Island. But it's close enough. Parents pre-fled communism. It certainly was for Marco Rubio, who has thumped his exile street cred all the way to the U.S. Senate. □

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With Bloomberg leading the band, city center reopens

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 NEW YORK – Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg is the best conducting mayor I have

seen. Although, technically, that should be “better,” since I’ve seen only two. In 1993 Edward G. Rendell, the mayor of Philadelphia



Yelp CEO and co-founder Jeremy Stoppelman, right, reacts as New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg holds up a tee-shirt Stoppelman presented to him at the opening of the online reviews website’s Manhattan offices in New York, Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011. Yelp opened a 9,500 square-foot space in the same office building where Apple is located on Fifth Avenue near Union Square. (AP Photo/Kathy Willens)

(before he became governor of Pennsylvania), conducted the Philadelphia Orchestra in the national anthem at a World Series game in his city. Whatever it was he was beating, you wouldn’t call it time. The Phillie Phanatic, conducting alongside him, made a better show of it, but the orchestra carried on in spite of their antics, not because of them. On Tuesday evening Bloomberg – emulating Mayor Fiorello La Guardia, who conducted the New York Philharmonic at the inauguration of New York City Center in 1943 – took up a baton for the gala reopening of the center, newly colorful and resplendent after a \$57 million renovation. Bloomberg led the resident Encores! Orchestra in the national anthem. □



Rajat Gupta and his lawyer Gary Naftalis, right, exit federal court in New York, Oct. 26, 2011. Gupta, a former director of Goldman Sachs, pleaded not guilty Wednesday to one count of conspiracy to commit securities fraud and five counts of securities fraud, the latest development in a federal crackdown on illegal activity on Wall Street. (John Marshall Mantel/The New York Times)

Gupta surrenders to face insider trading charges

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NEW YORK – Rajat K. Gupta, a former Goldman Sachs director and McKinsey & Co. managing director, surrendered to the Federal Bureau of Investigation on Wednesday morning to face charges of insider trading, the latest development in the government’s multiyear crackdown on illegal activity on Wall Street.

In charging Gupta, the government will attempt to tie up one of the biggest loose ends resulting from the investigation into the Galleon Group, which began nearly five years ago at the Securities and Exchange Commission. Raj Rajaratnam, the Galleon co-founder, was sentenced to 11 years in prison this month for making tens of millions of dollars by trading on confidential tips.

Authorities have broadly pursued insider trading on Wall Street, exacting guilty pleas from a chemist at the Federal Drug Administration, among others, as recently as this month. In the past two years, authorities have charged 55 people with insider trading; of those, 51 have pleaded guilty or have been convicted of swapping illegal tips about company earnings and other major corporate events. While the majority of those charged have been traders and analysts on Wall Street, Gupta, 62, is the first executive to be implicated from the upper echelons of corporate America. The charges are a stunning reversal of fortunes for Gupta.

A native of India, he graduated from Harvard Business School and had a global profile as an adviser to some of the nation’s most iconic companies. He served as a director at Goldman, Procter & Gamble and the parent company of American Airlines. □

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Writer Elna Baker, who to be young, hip and Mormon

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With his manly stubble, flannel shirt and skinny black jeans, Brandon Flowers looks every bit the hipster front man for his rock band, the Killers.

With songs about drowning one's sorrows in bourbon or exploring the seedy underbelly of his hometown, Las Vegas, Flowers has sold more than 15 million records worldwide. In the past, he has been candid about his drinking, smoking and taste for blackjack.

But in a gauzy four-minute video, an advertisement for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints that was posted online this month, the singer stares at the camera and says, "I'm a father, I'm a husband, and I'm a Mormon."

For decades, the popular image of Mormon style has been shaped by clean-cut young missionaries on bicycles in dark suits, white shirts and skinny black ties – and more recently by the sculptured coif of the presidential candidate Mitt Romney or the sporty style of the motocross-bike-riding Jon Huntsman, another Republican presidential candidate. But the boundaries of Mormon style are expanding. The highly visible "I'm a Mor-



Writer Elna Baker, who was raised Mormon, wears some of her more hip attire outside of her apartment in New York. The boundaries of Mormon style are expanding with help in part from the highly visible "I'm a Mormon" ad campaign, which seeks to quash straight-laced stereotypes by showing off a cool, diverse set of Mormons.

(Emily Berl/The New York Times)

mon" ad campaign (the subject of a major push on television, billboards, the subway and the Internet) seeks to quash strait-laced stereotypes by showing off a cool, diverse set of Mormons, including,

besides Flowers, a leather-clad Harley aficionado, knit-cap-wearing professional skateboarder and an R&B singer with a shaved head.

It's not just in ads sponsored by the church. On college campuses, city streets and countless style blogs, a young generation

against being "cool" in the Mormon world," said Kendra Smoot, 31, a prop stylist who does work for Lucky and Martha Stewart, and who can be seen sporting Sartorialist-inflected ensembles on Smoot, a blog she runs with her husband, Seth, a photographer. Ten years ago, when she was a student at Brigham Young University,

"there was absolutely zero fashion sense, myself included," she said. "Now when I go back to visit, the kids there look really cool."

"I think there's an acceptance now that you can look current and interesting but still uphold the values of the Mormon religion," she added.

There are limits, however. According to guidelines on dress and grooming on the church's official website, Mormons are discouraged from wearing immodest clothing, including "short shorts and skirts," "tight

clothing" and "shirts that do not cover the stomach." They should "avoid extremes in clothing, appearance and hairstyle" and not "disfigure" themselves "with tattoos or body piercings."

Those strictures can be a challenge for members of the creative class who feel the lure of scruffy, bohemian chic.

Facial hair in particular can be a complicated issue. Common on church leaders in the 19th century, beards are now deemed inappropriate for missionaries, as well as for students at BYU, according to the university's honor code (students are allowed trimmed mustaches).

Debate on whether beards are an appropriate look for church members in general persists in some corners, such as a recent online debate on the subject on LDS Living, a Mormon lifestyle website. □

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Explaining new Federal student loan rules

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On Wednesday, President Barack Obama introduced two changes to the federal student loan program that could affect several million borrowers. The broad outlines of his plans to encourage loan consolidation and assist people who are struggling financially are reasonably clear.

But if the questions sent to the New York Times' Bucks blog from indebted people are any indication, any change in Student Loan Land almost inevitably leads to enormous confusion. Many questions had to do with whether private loans, the kind that come from banks and often have higher and variable interest rates, are part of these changes. Nothing is changing with those loans.

This is crucial, since many of the people in the worst sort of trouble – the ones you've read about with six-figure balances – often have both private loans and federal loans.

Instead, only those with different kinds of federal loans – an estimated 5.8 million borrowers – will be able to consolidate them into one loan under the new plan

and also save themselves a bit of money.

Borrowers also remain befuddled about the confusing eligibility requirements

ness will happen after 20 years. (The income-related changes were already scheduled to happen in 2014, but they will occur

A. People with at least one federal loan that they borrowed directly from the federal government and at least one that originated with a bank or other lender. If you have a bunch of bank-issued federal loans but no loan directly from the government, you can consolidate them under an older federal program, but it won't save you as much money.

The PLUS loans that some graduate students have taken out in recent years are eligible. Perkins Loans and many federal loans for people entering health professions are not eligible. And again, private student loans are not part of the mix here either.

Also, if you're in default on the loans, you won't be eligible. Q. How do I know what kind of loan I have?

A. Don't be embarrassed to ask, since many people have forgotten or never knew in the first place. Call your lenders now and ask them. The Education Department plans to inform all eligible borrowers in January as well. If you haven't heard from them by the end of that month, call them at 800-4FEDAID (800-433-3243) and ask. □



Robert Applebaum, who started a petition on the White House's website that helped inspire adjustments to the federal loan programs, at home in New York, Oct. 26, 2011. On Wednesday, President Barack Obama introduced two changes to the federal student loan program that could affect several million borrowers.

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of a two-year-old program that limits the monthly payment for certain federal student loan borrowers based on their income and then forgives any remaining debt after 25 years.

Starting sometime next year, the limit will be cut by a third for certain borrowers, and that will lower payments. Also, loan forgive-

sooner now.)

Today, at least 450,000 people participate in the federal income-based repayment program that started about two years ago, though there are probably many more borrowers who are eligible but don't know about it or haven't figured out how to sign up. Q. Who is eligible?

As Cain touts management skills, ex-aides tell of chaos

SUSAN SAULNY

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If Herman Cain feels his management skills are up to any challenge, some of his former staffers think he should have started with the disorder in his own campaign. Cain has hardly showed up in New Hampshire and Iowa, they said, spending the bulk of his time on a book tour through the South. He occasionally mishandled potential big donors or ignored real voters. His campaign churned through the small staff; last week, his campaign announced the appointment of the veteran campaigner Steve Grubbs, his third Iowa leader in four months.

Even bumper stickers have been hard to come by.

And then there was that email to the staff about traveling in a car with Cain:

"Do not speak to him unless you are spoken to," the memo said. "I found it odd," said a former staffer

who liked to prep Cain for appearances while driving. The aide, who spoke on the condition of anonymity,

quit not long afterward, citing the email as one of the deciding factors.

Cain's campaign has generated much promise since it began over the summer. A former business executive rises improbably from anonymity to the top of the polls, using the strength of his speech-making, folksy charm and catchy policy plans.

But Cain's campaign may have undermined itself with questionable decisions and a series of missteps, which have led to the impression that the candidate lacks focus and preparation. Cain has made several contradictory, and sometimes befuddling, remarks on abortion and foreign policy, which have forced him to spend days clarifying and defending himself. □



Republican presidential candidate Herman Cain prepares for a television interview during a Roane County Tea Party rally at the Roane State Community College in Harriman, Tenn. While Cain's campaign has generated much promise since it began over the summer, questionable decisions and a series of missteps may have led to the impression that the candidate lacks focus and preparation, according to former campaign staffers.

(Josh Anderson/The New York Times)

Smoking back in prisons – at least for staff

STEVE BOUSQUET

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TALLAHASSEE Inmates can't smoke in Florida prisons anymore, but employees still can.

Facing resistance from the union representing correctional officers, Corrections Secretary Ken Tucker has lifted the order from his predecessor that required all prisons in Florida to be smoke-free by Oct. 1.

Tucker's new policy allows officers, employees and visitors to smoke or chew tobacco on prison grounds "within a secure perimeter," and such areas "should not be in plain view of inmates." "Wardens, as my designees, are authorized to designate outdoor areas where employees, contractors, volunteers and official visitors may use tobacco products," Tucker said in an Oct. 4 memo. Smokers "are limited to possession of no more than one pack, can, pouch or other single factory container of tobacco."

Former prisons chief Ed Buss, who was forced out by Gov. Rick Scott in August, decreed in April that prisons be smoke-free to reduce skyrocketing health care costs and the hazards caused by second-hand smoke. All other state buildings and offices are smoke-free. Buss came to Florida from Indiana, which banned smoking in prisons two decades ago, and he quickly launched a six-month cessation program to help inmates kick the habit, including selling them \$35 nicotine patches.

Under Buss' decree, corrections officers could smoke if they stepped outside the prison gates, a long walk at some of the state's biggest lockups. When Buss left town, the officers' union formally resisted the move.

Union attorney Hal Johnson of the Florida Police Benevolent Association said he told Tucker that a revised smoking policy changes workplace conditions and must be negotiated as part of a union contract. □

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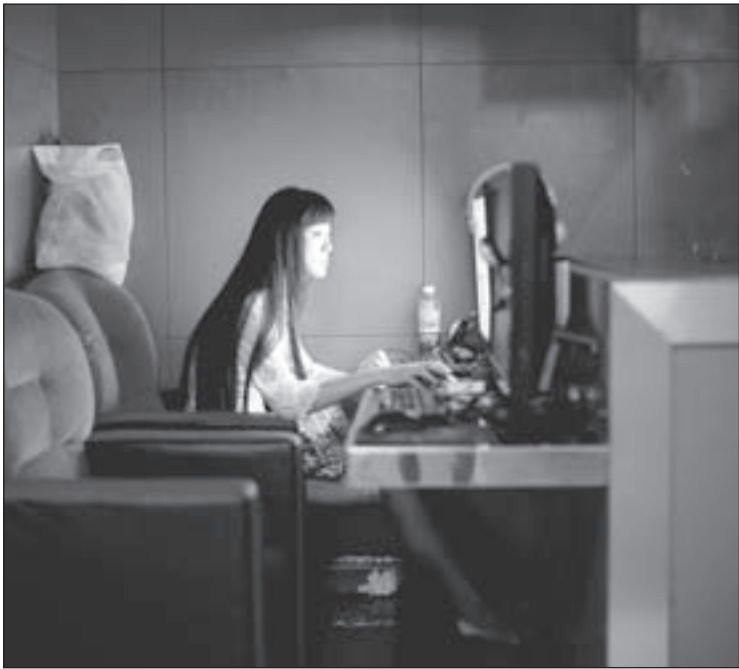
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China imposing new curbs on entertainment and bloggers



A woman browses the Web in an Internet cafe, a growing way to access social media, in Beijing. Chinese leaders are imposing new limits on media and Internet freedoms that include some of the most restrictive measures in years.
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BEIJING – Political censorship in this authoritarian state remains absolute. But for years, the Communist Party has tolerated a creeping liberalization in popular culture, tacitly allowing everything from popular knock-offs of “American Idol”-style talent shows to freewheeling microblogs that let media groups prosper and let people blow off steam. Now, suddenly, the party appears to be saying “enough.” Whether spooked by popular uprisings worldwide, a coming leadership transition

at home or their own citizens' increasingly provocative tastes, Chinese leaders are imposing new limits on media and Internet freedoms that include some of the most restrictive measures in years. The most striking instance occurred Tuesday, when the State Administration of Radio, Film and Television ordered 34 major regional television stations to limit themselves to no more than two 90-minute entertainment shows per week. They are also being ordered to broadcast two hours of state-approved news every evening and to disregard audience ratings in their programming decisions. The ministry said the measures were aimed at rooting out “excessive entertainment and vulgar tendencies.” The restrictions arrived as

party leaders signaled new curbs on China's, short-message, Twitter-like microblogs, an Internet sensation that has mushroomed in less than two years into a major – and difficult to control – source of whistleblowing. Microbloggers, some of whom have attracted millions of followers, have been exposing scandals and official malfeasance, including an attempted cover-up of a recent high-speed rail accident, with astonishing speed and popularity. On Wednesday, the Communist Party's Central Committee called in a report on its annual meeting for an “Internet management system” that would strictly regulate social network and instant-message systems, and punish those who spread “harmful information.” □

Libya's interim leader asks NATO to stay through 2011

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TRIPOLI, Libya – Libya's interim leader said Wednesday that he had asked NATO to prolong its air patrols through December and add military advisers on the ground, despite his official declaration Sunday of the country's liberation after the killing of Moammar Gadhafi. “We have asked NATO to stay until the end of the year, and it certainly has the international legitimacy to remain in Libya to protect the civilians from Gadhafi loyalists,” the interim leader, Mustafa

Abdul-Jalil, chairman of the National Transitional Council, said in an interview with the pan-Arab news channel Al Jazeera. “Gadhafi still has supporters in neighboring countries, and we fear those loyalists could be launching attacks against us and infiltrating our borders,” he said. “We need technical support and training for our troops on the ground. We also need communications equipment, and we need aerial intelligence to monitor our borders.” Abdul-Jalil was interviewed while attending a Libyan aid conference in Doha, Qatar. He spoke as NATO

was preparing within days to formally end its operations in Libya and as the country enters a treacherous new phase in its post-Gadhafi transformation. NATO's airstrikes enabled a disparate alliance of loosely organized and undisciplined revolutionary militias to defeat Gadhafi's forces in a bloody, eight-month civil war. But the former rebels' civilian leaders have not yet unified their disparate militias under a single command, and Abdul-Jalil's request for military advisers on the ground may have been meant to address that challenge. The credibility

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Syrian defectors claim deadly attack on military

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BEIRUT – A force of Syrian army defectors claimed responsibility for a Wednesday attack that killed a military officer and eight soldiers in central Syria, another signal that disaffected troops are taking a larger role in the anti-government uprising and pushing it into more violence after months of a brutal government crackdown. The attack came as an Arab delegation headed by the Qatari prime minister met with President Bashar Assad in Damascus, the Syrian capital, to press his government to negotiate with the street protesters and end the conflict, which the United Nations has said has left more than 3,000 dead.

Syrian activists reported at least 10 more civilian deaths Wednesday. One Syrian official, speaking on the condition of anonymity in Damascus, offered kind words for the delegation's mission. "We have deep divisions between two sides so we need a national and serious dialogue to save the country," the official said. But in the hours before the

meeting, the government telegraphed an intransigent stance, mustering tens of thousands of supporters to rally in the capi-

been held under the banner "Long live the homeland and the leader of the homeland; the Syrian people are one family." A simi-



Kurdish protesters opposed to President Bashar Assad, shout slogans as they demonstrate against the Syrian regime, during a sit-in in front of the Syrian embassy, in Beirut, Lebanon. The banner at left in Arabic reads: "down with the present gang. We want a civil state."

(AP Photo/Bilal Hussein)

tal for the second time this month. The Syrian satellite television station Addounia showed footage of thousands of demonstrators filling Umayyad Square in the heart of Damascus. They were waving Syrian flags, holding pictures of the president and chanting, "The people want Bashar Assad."

The Syrian state news agency, SANA, said the rally had

lar rally was held the previous Wednesday in Aleppo, Syria's second-biggest city. With most foreign journalists barred from Syria and the government retaining tight control on information, it is difficult to assess how great a role coercion plays in such displays. Certainly, significant elements of the Syrian elite remain entwined with and supportive of the Assad government. □

Iranian AIDS expert released from Tehran prison

PAUL GRONDAHL

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ALBANY, N.Y. – After three years in prison in Tehran and two months waiting for the Iranian government to allow him to leave, AIDS expert Dr. Arash Alaei has arrived in the United States. He will be reunited here later this week with his brother, Dr. Kamiar Alaei, who is completing his doctoral dissertation in public health at the University at Albany. Arash, 42, and Kamiar, 37, both physicians and pioneers in the treatment of HIV and AIDS in Iran, were arrested in June 2008. They were charged with plotting to overthrow the government after an unorthodox one-day secret army trial in December 2008 that human rights observers deemed baseless and politically motivated. Kamiar was released in the fall of 2010 and Arash in August after each served one-half of their respective prison sentences. "Having Kamiar and Arash reunited and free is so exciting. We've waited and worked for so long to celebrate this day," said Carol Whittaker, assistant dean for global health and director of the Center for Global Health at UAlbany. "We are very pleased." Students, faculty, staff and administrators at UAlbany's graduate School of Public Health joined an international effort over the past

three years to pressure the Iranian government to release the prominent AIDS doctors. The brothers gave a presentation at UAlbany in 2007 about the clinics they ran and a national strategic plan they developed for treating HIV and AIDS in Iran. Their "harm reduction" model managed to slow the spread of the disease in a Muslim country in which drug users are shunned. Physicians for Human Rights, which led an international campaign that pushed for the brothers' release from prison, announced Arash Alaei's arrival in the U.S. on Monday. The organization said the Alaei brothers were "wrongly convicted" after the Iranian government used their travel to international AIDS conferences as a basis for charges of communicating with an enemy government. "Doctors and other health professionals all over the world often face persecution for simply doing their job, and PHR has a long history of advocating on behalf of these doctors for justice and accountability," said Susanah Sirkin, deputy director of PHR. The brothers were not allowed to interact with each other while they were confined in separate wings of Tehran's Evin prison, including months when each was held in solitary confinement. □

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People hold up photos of Argentine missing journalist and writer Rodolfo Walsh as they wait for the verdict of a trial against former military and police officials in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011. A court in Argentina has sentenced 12 former military and police officials to life in prison for crimes against humanity committed during the country's 1976-1983 dictatorship. The men were convicted of kidnapping, torturing and killing leftist dissidents at a torture center called the Navy Mechanics School.

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(AP) — A court sentenced a former navy spy known as "the Angel of Death" and 11 other former Argentine

(AP Photo/Victor R. Caivano)
military and police officers to life in prison Wednesday for crimes against humanity committed during the

Mexico nabs alleged dirty Zetas local chief, 5 others

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The Mexican navy said Wednesday it had arrested the alleged local chief of the Zetas drug cartel in the Gulf coast port of Veracruz, and said he is tied to the dumping of eight bodies in a rural town a week ago. The navy said Carlos "The Bam Bam" Pitalua and five other men were arrested on Tuesday. One of the five is suspected in helping break 32 inmates out of three Veracruz prisons in a well-planned, simultaneous escape.

A picture released by the navy shows four of the six dressed in military clothing. One day after the jail break, gunmen dumped 35 bodies on a busy avenue of Veracruz last month. Some of the victims were reported at the time to have been escaped inmates. And in central Mexico State, outside Mexico City, prosecutors announced Wednesday they had arrested Adrian Ramirez, alias "The Mushroom," the alleged leader of the Cartel



Soldiers escort Carlos Oliva Castillo, alias "La Rana," or the "The Frog," as he is presented to the press in Mexico City. The Mexican navy said Wednesday it had arrested the alleged local chief of the Zetas drug cartel in the Gulf coast port of Veracruz, and said he is tied to the dumping of eight bodies in a rural town a week ago.

(AP Photo/Alexandre Meneghini)

del Centro. The gang is believed to be one of the spin-off groups from the Beltran Leyva cartel, which has been decimated by the arrests or deaths of its leaders. Mexico state Attorney General Alfredo Castillo said the Cartel del Centro has been linked to at least 26 killings, and operated

mainly in Mexico City suburbs. The suspects were arrested last week, Castillo said. Finally, Mexico's National Public Safety System announced that almost one-third of 63,436 low-ranking Mexican police officers tested so far have failed background and security checks. □

1976-83 military dictatorship.

Alfredo Astiz, a 59-year-old ex-navy captain, became notorious for his infiltration and betrayal of activists and was viewed by many Argentines as the symbol of the junta's crimes. He was accused of participating in the kidnapping, torture and murder of two French nuns, a journalist and three founders of a human rights

group.

The crimes alleged against all the defendants included 86 cases of kidnapping, torture and murder of leftist dissidents committed at the Navy Mechanics School, one of the military junta's principal torture centers used to crush the threat of armed revolution. About 5,000 detainees passed through the school. Fewer than half survived. □

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Transforming a 1910 town house with midcentury modern look

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NEW YORK – Problem: You like midcentury modern furniture and bright colors. But the dining room in your old house has its original walnut panels. It is formal and dark, and your husband does not want to paint it. Solution: Punch out part of the wall, add casual stools

and let your bright modern kitchen shine through into the dining room.

The Prospect Park neighborhood in Brooklyn is rich with 19th-century brownstones and homeowners who love Victoriana and period detail. Laurie Lieberman, 56, an architect, is not one of them.

What appealed to her

about the 1910 town house she shares with her husband and three college-age children was not the preserved leaded windows on either side of the foyer or the building's history (previous owners include former New York Gov. Hugh Carey and the writer Pete Hamill). Lieberman liked the spaciousness of the



The living room inside the home of Brooklyn architect Laurie Lieberman, furnished with tray tables from the Danish design firm Fritz Hansen, in New York, Oct. 21, 2011. Because Lieberman loved her 1910 Brooklyn townhouse more for its spaciousness and light than its period details, she turned it into mid-century modern.

(Trevor Tondro/The New York Times)



The home of Brooklyn architect Laurie Lieberman, which was previously owned by former New York Gov. Hugh Carey, in the Prospect Park area of Brooklyn, New York, Oct. 21, 2011. Because Lieberman loved her 1910 Brooklyn townhouse more for its spaciousness and light than its period details, she turned it into mid-century modern.

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rooms, which were much wider than those of classic brownstones, and the light, which she knew would only increase when she got rid of the dark colors the previous owners had painted the walls.

Lieberman and her hus-

band, Dr. Edward Telzak, an infectious-disease specialist, both like midcentury modern furnishings. Two teal Saarinen chairs in the foyer offer an unexpected burst of modern style and color when you enter the house. □

Updating the rules and products for childproofing a home

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After we closed on our new house 10 years ago, we stopped by with the children – ages 2, 8 and 12 – to show them the place. We were there for no more than 15 minutes when we heard a loud pop just behind us and looked, in horror, to find our 2-year old holding a key pointed at an outlet.

I'm still not sure how she wasn't hurt or killed.

Every family has its childproofing lapses. Most survive just fine, but the stakes are always high.

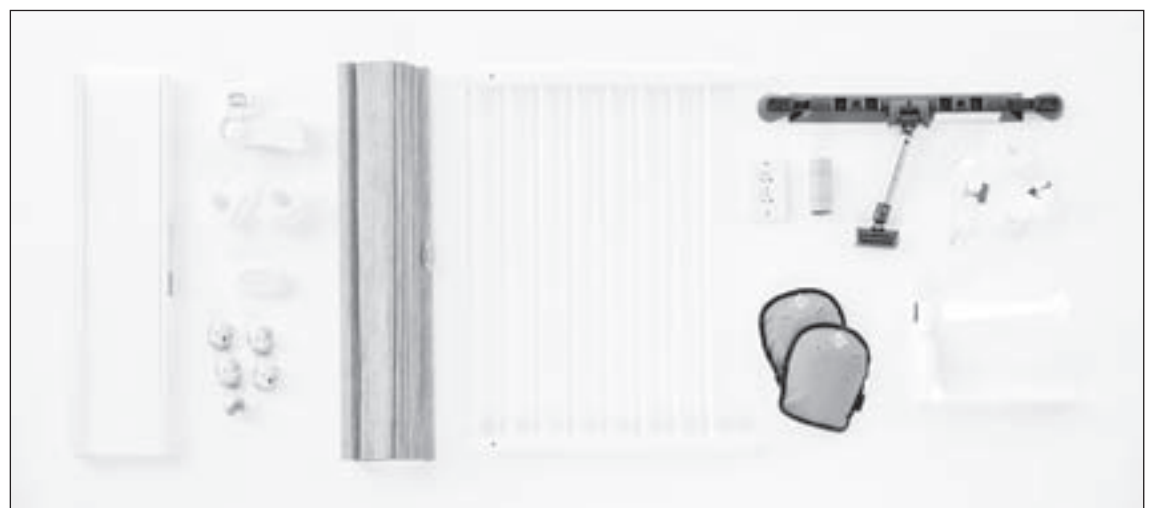
To discuss the dangers, I spoke recently with three specialists: Colleen Driscoll, executive director of the International Association for Child Safety, a trade association; Julie Vallese, a

vice president of Dorel Juvenile Group, which makes Safety 1st childproofing products; and Don Mays, director of product safety for Consumer Reports. These experts underlined one lesson: If you get your childproofing advice from friends, don't trust everything you hear.

That's because childproofing has changed in recent years, both in the products offered and in the household hazards parents face. So, families with older children are working with yesterday's ideas.

For example, our youngest child – our fourth – is 9, so we're not too far removed from this topic.

Yet those little plastic outlet covers that seem just fine to me are apparently now ruled unwise. Likewise, a



A variety of items that can help childproof your home. Childproofing your home has changed in recent years, both in the products offered and in the household hazards that parents face.

(Tony Cenicola/The New York Times)

video baby monitor sounds to me like a great new safety device. But I'm wrong again.

"We started seeing strangulations about three years ago," Mays said, alluding to the monitor cords. "In

one case, the very first day the child was able to stand up in the crib, the child grabbed the cord, got tangled and died."

And even just a few years ago, flat-screen TVs were too expensive to put on

every conceivable surface in the house – especially dressers. That is no longer true, and that's a problem. "If a child climbs on the drawers, that TV can come crashing down," Driscoll said. □



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ORANJESTAD - The Caribbean Island of Aruba, which forms part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, is located in one of the world's region with the highest potential for cost-effective use of solar and wind energy resources for energy generation and use. This so-called earth sun-belt (between 20 - 40 degrees latitude on the northern and southern hemisphere) has one of the best climatological conditions with high average solar radiation levels (beyond 3500 hours sun a year), adequate wind regimes (up to 5000 hours of wind energy a year) and optimal maritime conditions.

Aruba has initiated the transition away from imported fossil fuel dependency and is in

the process of implementing a whole range of sustainable energy technologies.

The latest renewable energy technology introduced on the island is a 30 megawatt wind farm that meets 18 percent of the islands current energy demand, which will be expanded with an additional 30 megawatt capacity in 2012.

A waste to energy plant to generate 5-7 megawatt electricity, which will also reduce the volume of waste substantially and solar-park 3 megawatt.

Aruba has committed to reduce its emissions of carbon dioxide through the use of the technology of RECIPS and Seawater Reverse Osmosis. In addition, the government of Aruba reduced

as per the 1st of January 2011 its import duties on wind turbines, solar panels and electric cars and related parts to 2% and on hybrid cars to 12%. The first green conference was held in 2010, where international experts (former vice president of the U.S.A. and Nobel Peace laureate Al Gore and Dr. Eduard Chung of NASA), in the Energy and Climate Change arena presented the state of the art technologies and shared their implementation success, the challenges and opportunities in the Western Hemisphere, the Caribbean Region and where a close look was placed on Aruba. Balancing out economic resilience with ecological responsibility is fundamental to achieving not only

sustained quality of life, but equally important, equality, social cohesion and social equity. Considering the dynamic environment of the 21st century and the need for economic transformation towards sustainable economic development, Aruba wants to become "The Green Gateway" in the region, being a centre of knowledge, research and development to facilitate transfer of know-how and technology; and set an example for the rest of the region to contribute in creating solutions for the world's most challenging energy and climate issues. The current sustainable energy developments are based on Dutch expertise, that over the years have gained considerable experience

in building technologies based on an appreciation of the natural favorable circumstances on Aruba.

The Dutch government as well as the Dutch private sector is at the forefront of advancing international climate change responses that have a significant impact. The aim of the conference is furthermore to invite Dutch, American, Regional and International experts on wind, solar and maritime energy technologies to the Island of Aruba, in order to share knowledge of new and proven technologies in these fields.

The conference also aims to build further on a platform where knowledge is shared among the different international parties. □



Aruba Logo launched at the Queen Beatrix International Airport

ORANJESTAD - Last night at approximately 7PM, the Aruba Logo was lighted at the Queen Beatrix International Airport. Minister of Tourism and Transportation Otmar Oduber inaugurated the Aruba Logo to welcome all of the flights coming into Aruba. □



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El Gaucho Argentine Grill came together to present a delightful menu, perfectly paired with the Catena wines, Malbec & Chardonnay. The menu will be available at the restaurant until Christmas for \$45.- per person including award-winning wines and delicious food. At a dinner party, hosted by Elina Luco Alduncin, who was visiting Aruba from the Bodega Catena Zapata winery in Argentina, the menu included Shrimp Scampi as an appetizer paired with Bodega Catena Zapata Chardonnay Mendoza 2009, a perfectly

grilled Rack of Lamb for main course paired with Bodega Catena Zapata Malbec Mendoza 2009, and a signature El Gaucho dessert, Creme Brulee chased by Alamos Torrontes Salta Provinces 2010. All wines served with dinner rated high by Robert Parker and Wine Spectator Magazine, explained the charming winery representative. She also reported that Catena wines are a blend of single varietal lots from the Catena family's vineyards. Each vineyard is divided into lots which are harvested separately, and especially pre-

pared to be part of the final blend of each Catena wine: Malbec and Chardonnay. Wine Enthusiast magazine, named Nicolas Catena Zapata, Decanter Man of the Year in 2010, crediting him with putting Argentina on the map with his high altitude vineyards, she added. While the Catena wines are consumed shortly after release, Elina Luco Alduncin informs that they age beautifully for 10 to 20 years. Pictured here a perfectly orchestrated dinner at El Gaucho Argentine Grill celebrating its 35th anniversary this year. □

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Palm Beach -- The award-winning Radisson Aruba Resort, Casino & Spa completed its overall property refresh with the re-opening of the Aruba Tower and the Sunset Grille Restaurant, just recently. The refresh was part of an extensive USD 26 million renovation project which began in April 2010 and included refurbishing the 355-room resort's three guestroom towers and key public areas. Guests checking in the resort this week experienced a new sense of arrival, with updated furnishings and a reception area in the open-air lobby overlooking the magnificent views of the ocean, beach, and pool the moment they arrive. The refreshed décor in the AAA Four Diamond Sunset Grille Restaurant with a new color scheme and furnishings also embrace new furnishings and seating in the Mira Solo Martini Bar, maximizing guests' waterfront experience. Among the first groups to enjoy the legendary hospitality of the Sunset Grille, International Experience Group, from Europe, dining over the finest selection of USDA Certified Angus Beef and amazingly fresh seafood, all prepared under the watchful eye of the resort's culinary artists. One of the Sunset Grille's most popular new features is a wall of Aruban photography by artist Annemiek Van Vliet.



Locals & tourists love Amazonia Churrascaria



Palm Beach – Patrons dining at Amazonia Churrascaria always enjoy the festive and joyful atmosphere

inspired by an abundance of great food, delicious cocktails, and warm and welcoming ambiance.

George and Terry Taniewski, from New Jersey, staying at Casa del Mar, report they have been to Aruba several times and always enjoyed coming back to Amazonia Churrascaria for dinner.

Joseph and Donna Moretti, also from New Jersey, staying at Hyatt Regency, have been to the island a number of times, yet it was their first time at the restaurant: "We shall return," they pledged.

Many patrons enjoy celebrating special occasions and anniversaries at Amazonia Churrascaria among them staying at the Hyatt Regency, from North



Carolina, Evan and Sheila Dewulf, who have been married for 12 happy years, on their first trip to the island and Rondley and Anoush-

ka Calorina, on their 2nd wedding anniversary, both from Aruba, who marked the loving occasion with fantastic dinner. □

Sherry Foster wins \$2.250 at the Aura Casino!

PALM BEACH - Mrs. Sherry Foster discovered her lucky streak at the Aura Casino at the Occidental Grand while playing on the brand new slot machines! She won a total amount of \$2.250. in the newly renovated Aura Casino "where players win". Mrs.

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Wozniacki secures No. 1 ranking as Sharapova pulls out

Russia's Vera Zvonareva returns to Denmark's Caroline Wozniacki during the WTA championship finals in Istanbul, Turkey, Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011.

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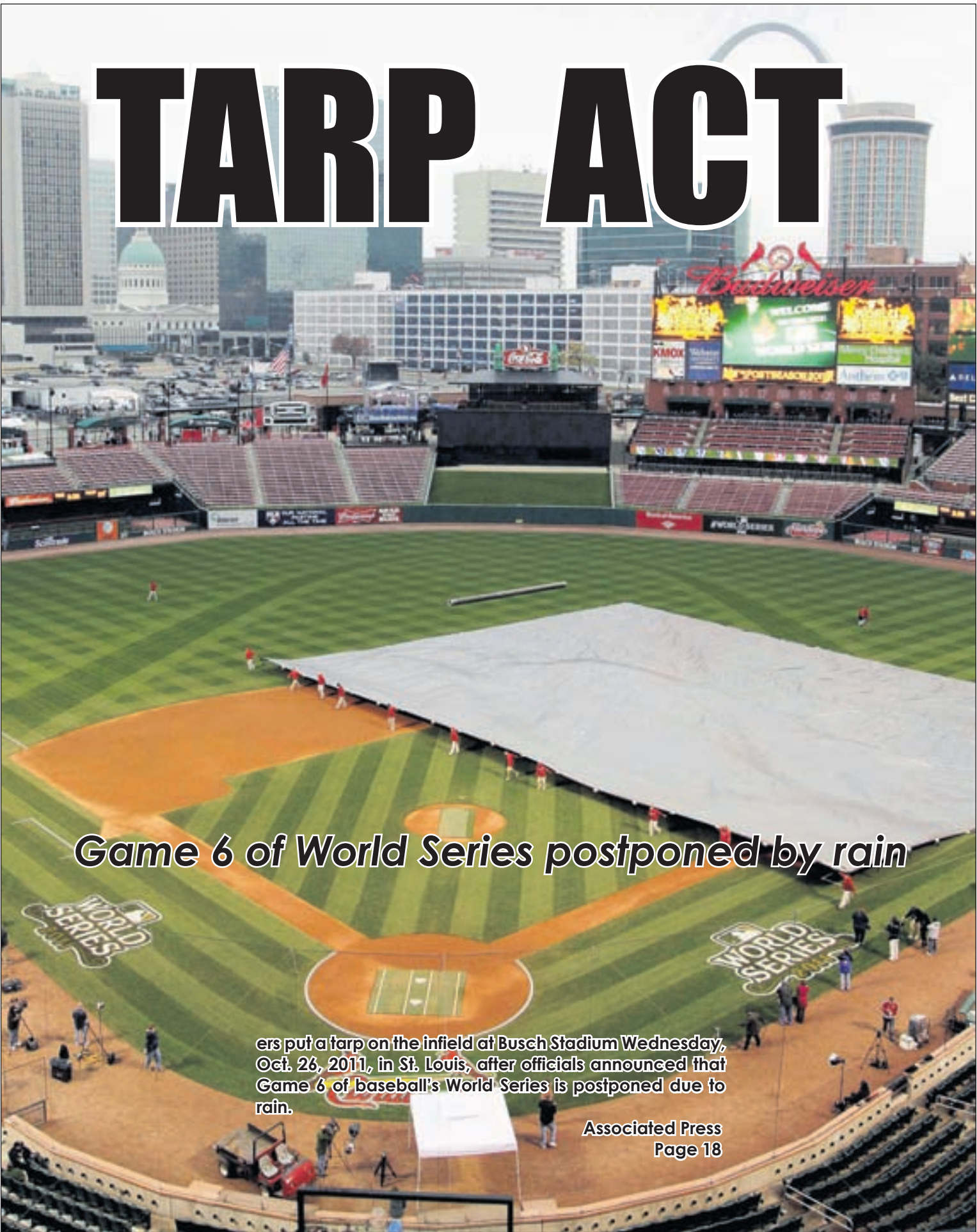
In this April 2010 file photo, Floyd Mayweather Jr. poses for a photo during a news conference in Las Vegas. Mayweather is due for trial on Wednesday Oct. 26, 2011 in Las Vegas for misdemeanor charges accusing him of threatening two homeowner association security guards in October 2010 outside his Las Vegas home.

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Mayweather not guilty in Vegas harassment case

KEN RITTER
Associated Press
LAS VEGAS (AP) — Floyd Mayweather Jr. was acquitted Wednesday of misdemeanor harassment charges alleging he threatened the lives of two homeowner association security guards in an argument about parking tickets outside the boxer's Las Vegas home. The 34-year-old prizefighter didn't testify during the Las Vegas Justice Court trial. His attorney called the encounter between Mayweather and the guards a "trivial matter," and said the case hinged on the boxer's celebrity.

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Game 6 of World Series postponed by rain

Workers put a tarp on the infield at Busch Stadium Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011, in St. Louis, after officials announced that Game 6 of baseball's World Series is postponed due to rain.

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Britain's first NBA basketball star John Amaechi after receiving his Officer of the British Empire Medal, OBE, from the Prince of Wales at an Investiture ceremony in Buckingham Palace, London Wednesday Oct. 26, 2011.

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Amaechi: Gay-hatred a big problem in British sport

LONDON (AP) — The first openly gay former NBA player says prejudice against homosexuals is rife in British sport, especially football. Retired British player John Amaechi on Wednesday described anti-gay sentiment in sporting bodies and on the field as a "massive problem" that was often ignored or "relegated".

The former player for the Cleveland Cavaliers, Orlando Magic and Utah

Jazz says "in sport there are institutions that haven't changed in 100 years and need to."

Singling out football, Amaechi says "if you compare their emphasis on racism to what they've done on homophobia it's an embarrassment." Amaechi spoke after receiving the Order of the British Empire for services to sport and the voluntary sector from the Prince Charles at Buckingham Palace. □

Mayweather

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Las Vegas Justice of the Peace Diana Sullivan said she wasn't convinced that the guards feared any threat would be carried out. Even the guards testified under questioning by Wright they would have preferred not to take the case to trial.

"If this wasn't Floyd Mayweather, we wouldn't have been in court," attorney Richard Wright said outside the downtown Clark County Regional Justice Center. "Any other case would have resolved with an offer of an apology and a handshake."

The not guilty finding was a victory for the undefeated prizefighter, whose legal problems have mounted in the past year. The most serious charges — stemming from a domestic dispute with his ex-girlfriend and two of their children in October 2010 — could put him

in prison for 34 years if he's convicted.

The case heard Wednesday related to an Oct. 4, 2010 encounter between Mayweather and two security guards at the Southern Highlands community where he lives.

Parking for Mayweather's 29 cars has been a frequent source of friction in the gated and patrolled community.

Mayweather found tickets on his cars, berated the guards for touching the vehicles, removed a ticket from one vehicle and stuck it on the windshield of their security patrol vehicle, the guards, 23-year-old Miguel Burgos and 24-year-old Aaron Ryan, told police.

Burgos said Mayweather told them, "my homies have guns, if you want me to call them they'd come over here and take care of you."

The two guards feared for their safety, prosecutor Lisa Luzaich said. □

Game 6 of World Series postponed by rainy forecast



Workers remove a tarp from the infield at Busch Stadium Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011, in St. Louis, after officials announced that Game 6 of baseball's World Series is postponed due to rain.

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BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Game 6 of the World Series was postponed Wednesday because of a wet forecast, delaying the Texas Rangers' bid to clinch their first championship.

Major League Baseball announced the decision about 4½ hours before the Rangers and St. Louis Cardinals were set to play. At the time, no rain had fallen at Busch Stadium, but heavy precipitation was expected.

Texas leads the Series 3-2. Game 6 was rescheduled for Thursday night at 8:05 p.m. EDT. If Game 7 is necessary, it would be played Friday night.

"Because of the forecast, there was no reason to wait any longer," said Joe Torre, MLB's executive vice president of baseball operations.

Torre said he told managers Ron Washington of Texas and Tony La Russa of St. Louis on Tuesday that if the forecast didn't change, the game would be postponed.

Rain was in "every forecast we had probably for the last three days," Torre told a news conference. "They were all consistent there was going to be rain during the game."

Looking at Commissioner Bud Selig, Torre asked: "Do you want to play in rain?"

Colby Lewis had been set to start for Texas, with Jaime Garcia ready to go for the Cardinals.

If anything, the extra day may lead to more intrigue over who might pitch for St. Louis should the Series go to a Game 7 for the first time since 2002. Washington already has said Matt Harrison would start if the Series goes that far.

The forecast for Thursday was much better — clear enough with a gametime temperature in the low 50s. Rain has hovered over the majors all year with more than 50 washouts, baseball's highest total since 1997.

This was the first Series rainout since 2008 at Philadelphia. That year, Tampa Bay and the Phillies were tied in the sixth inning when rain and snow turned the field into a quagmire, forcing a suspension. It rained the next day, too, and the game finally resumed two days later, with the Phillies winning to take the crown. Because of the debate about how to handle that situation MLB adopted a rule a few months later mandating that any postseason game stopped in progress would be resumed

at the point of suspension, rather than being postponed and starting over.

Before that, the previous Series rainout came at Busch Stadium, when Game 4 between Detroit and the Cardinals was pushed back by a day.

A few hundred fans already were milling outside Busch Stadium when the Rangers-Cardinals game was called. The tarp was on the field at the time. Later, about a dozen St. Louis players came out to toss around balls in right field.

Bad weather has lingered throughout the big leagues since opening day. Even before that, actually, as the Milwaukee Brewers and Reds worked out in snow flurries a day before their March 31 opener at Cincinnati.

Wicked weather intruded earlier in this postseason, too. So did the threat of storms.

A game in the AL championship series between Detroit and Texas was postponed for a day because of a dicey forecast. The players left Rangers Ballpark and went home — the rain, however, never came. The opener of the AL playoff series between Detroit and New York was halted after 1½ innings by showers that lasted all night. □

NBA sides meeting in hopes of ending lockout

BRIAN MAHONEY

AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK (AP)

— NBA owners and players resumed talks aimed at ending the lockout Wednesday, less than a week after three intense days of mediation didn't produce a new labor deal. The sides got back to the table with a small group meeting and met for more than six hours. Talks broke down last Thursday when players said owners insisted they agree to a 50-50 split of revenues as a condition to further discuss the salary cap system.

The first two weeks of the season already have been canceled, and there's little time left to save any basketball in November. Commissioner David Stern has said he feared even games through Christmas would be in jeopardy if there wasn't a deal last



NBA Commissioner David Stern, center, talks with reporters after leaving an NBA labor talks meeting, Monday, Oct. 10, 2011, in New York. Stern canceled the first two weeks of the season after players and owners were unable to reach a new labor deal to end the lockout. At left is Deputy Commissioner Adam Silver. Opening night was scheduled for Nov. 1.

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week.

Stern rejoined the talks Wednesday after miss-

ing last Thursday's session with the flu. He was joined by Deputy Commissioner

Adam Silver, owners Peter Holt of San Antonio, Glen Taylor of Minnesota and

James Dolan of New York, and a pair of league office attorneys. The union was represented by executive director Billy Hunter, president Derek Fisher of the Lakers and vice president Maurice Evans of the Wizards, attorney Ron Klemmner and economist Kevin Murphy. The players have lowered their proposal to 52.5 percent of basketball-related income, leaving the sides about \$100 million apart annually, based on last season's revenues. Players were guaranteed 57 percent of BRI under the previous collective bargaining agreement. The system is the other chief hurdle. Seeking greater parity among their 30 teams, owners are looking to reduce the ways that teams can exceed the salary cap so that big markets won't have a significant payroll advantage. □

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Sharapova pulls out of season-ending WTA finals

ISTANBUL (AP) — Maria Sharapova pulled out of the WTA Championships with a sore ankle Wednesday after losing her second straight match at the season-ending tournament.

The second-ranked Russian's withdrawal ensures that Caroline Wozniacki will finish the year as No. 1, despite losing her group-stage match against Vera Zvonareva.

Sharapova entered the tournament despite not having played since pulling out of the quarterfinals in Tokyo last month with an ankle injury.

After losing 7-6 (4), 6-4 to Li Na in her second round-robin match on Wednesday, Sharapova said "the ankle didn't recover as well as I had hoped after the first round."

Sharapova lost to Sam Stosur in her opening match on Tuesday.

"The swelling got a little worse," the second-ranked Russian said.

"It just limits my movement a lot, and it's not something I really want to risk, especially at the end of the season, knowing that I have some time to recover and let it heal naturally instead of really pushing it and damaging something



Russia's Maria Sharapova returns to China's Li Na at the WTA championship finals in Istanbul, Turkey, Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011.

else."

The Russian will be replaced by alternate Marion Bartoli, who will face Azarenka in the final group round.

Wozniacki fell to 1-1 in the round-robin phase after losing 6-2, 4-6, 6-3 against Zvonareva in the late match. Despite the loss, she will finish as No. 1 in the rankings for the second year in a row, despite never having won a major. Sharapova was the only

player with a chance to overtake the Dane going into the tournament.

"It's amazing for me to finish the year as No. 1 once more," Wozniacki said. "I mean, only very few players have finished a year as No. 1, and to do it two years in a row is very special. I'm only in the beginning of my career, and to have achieved so much already, it's a dream come true."

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Azarenka maintained her perfect record against Sam Stosur with a 6-2, 6-2 win earlier Wednesday.

Sharapova led 4-2 in the first set before Li broke back to force the tiebreaker, where the Russian let a 4-0 lead slip away. Li then took a 5-2 lead in the second and served out the match on her second attempt.

Sharapova said she expects to return to the court in Brisbane next year ahead

of the Australian Open.

"Obviously disappointing to end it this way," the Russian said about her season. "But I have no regrets. ... I definitely progressed from last year and I've improved, and my game has stepped up. I still feel like going into next year there's so many things that I can improve that can make me better. It's just something I look forward to when I start training again."

Li, the French Open champion, is the first Chinese player to qualify for the season-ending event for the world's top eight players.

Stosur, the U.S. Open champion, was coming off her first ever win over Sharapova on Tuesday but appeared flat as she came out for Wednesday's opening match.

In her first match in the White Group, the fourth-seeded Azarenka broke four times to take her head-to-head record against Stosur to 5-0.

"I didn't play aggressive enough ... I don't feel like I did anything," Stosur said. "I just kind of got pushed around the court, and eventually was made to make an error or she would hit a winner." □



In this photo made Oct. 22, 2011, NASCAR driver Jimmie Johnson climbs out of his car following qualifying for the Good Sam Club 500 auto race at the Talladega Superspeedway in Talladega, Ala.

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By JENNA FRYER
AP Auto Racing Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)—It's easy for outsiders to cross Jimmie Johnson off the list of title contenders. They don't work side by side

with the five-time defending NASCAR champion every week, and have no idea just how hard it is to beat him.

It's a whole different story, though, when those inside

With four to go, some counting Jimmie Johnson out of contention

the NASCAR garage publicly dismiss him the way rival team owner Jack Roush did two weeks ago at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

"You can't expect to get a mulligan," Roush said after Johnson's 34th-place finish at Charlotte.

"You'll be very lucky if somebody will give you a chance to make up the whole race. I thought that Jimmie Johnson would be a factor in it and he's definitely going to have to stand in line and wait for the other folks in the top five to have problems for him to get back in it. He won't race his way back in it. He won't finish high

enough above the top four or five cars to beat them on the racetrack. He'll have to wait for them to have trouble I think."

Johnson has indeed taken a tumble since his win three races ago at Kansas pushed him to third in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship standings. He had a hard wreck at Charlotte that cost him five spots in the standings, but as he headed to Talladega Superspeedway, where he had won in the spring, it was conceivable that he'd make up some ground.

Instead, Johnson and Hendrick Motorsports team-

mate Dale Earnhardt Jr. waited too long to make their move through the field, and Johnson finished 26th.

He's now ranked seventh in the standings, 50 points behind leader Carl Edwards, with four races remaining in the Chase.

"We just keep grinding them out," Johnson said after Talladega. "We'll just keep fighting. Every position counts. Every spot counts. And I want to finish as high as I can in the points. If it isn't the championship, I want to finish as high as I can possibly finish. So we're going to keep fighting hard." □

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Blue Jackets get 1st win, 4-1 over Detroit

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — James Wisniewski made his long-awaited Columbus debut after serving an eight-game suspension, and rookie Ryan Johansen scored his first career goal and added an assist to give the Blue Jackets their first win of the season, 4-1 over the Detroit Red Wings on Tuesday.

R.J. Umberger had a goal and an assist, rookie John Moore scored his first NHL goal and Derek MacKenzie had one into an empty net for Columbus, which entered as the only winless club at 0-7-1, the worst start in team history.

Grant Clitsome added a career-best three assists and goalie Steve Mason, who was shaken up on Detroit's first goal and left for a few minutes, rebounded with a sturdy performance and 30 saves.

*Penguins 3, Islanders 0
At Uniondale, New York, Pascal Dupuis and Richard Park had goals, and Marc-Andre Fleury was sharp in making 33 saves in his 20th NHL shutout as Pittsburgh earned its fourth straight win by beating the New York Islanders.

Star center Evgeni Malkin returned to the Penguins' depleted lineup after missing five games because of his troublesome right knee, but Pittsburgh didn't need any offense from him to send the Islanders to their third straight loss following a three-game winning streak. Jordan Staal added his sixth of the season, scoring into an empty net off an assist from Dupuis, with 2 minutes left.

*Senators 3, Hurricanes 2, SO

At Raleigh, North Carolina, Jason Spezza beat Cam Ward between the pads on the second round of the shootout, giving Ottawa a win over Carolina.

Ottawa led 2-0 with five minutes to play before late goals from Tuomo Ruutu and Jeff Skinner forced extra play.

Spezza and Zenon Konopka had the Senators' goals in regulation.

The win, Ottawa's third straight, stopped the Senators' seven-game losing streak in Raleigh. Cam Ward had 26 saves for the Hurricanes, while Craig Anderson made 32 stops for Ottawa.

*Lightning 4, Sabres 3
At Buffalo, New York, Mathieu Garon made 36 saves to help lift Tampa Bay to a sweep of their home-and-away series with Buffalo.

Vincent Lecavalier, Nate Thompson, Steven Stamkos, and Ryan Malone all scored for the Lightning (4-3-2), who defeated the Sabres 3-0 on Saturday in Tampa Bay.

Garon made his third straight start after registering his 20th career shutout Saturday. He tightened up after allowing two goals on Buffalo's first three shots, giving Tampa Bay a chance to erase an early two-goal deficit and win its third straight.

Brad Boyes had a goal and assist, and Thomas Vanek and Nathan Gerbe scored for the Sabres (5-3-0), who've now squandered leads in both of their losses in Buffalo so far this season.

*Sharks 3, Predators 1
At Nashville, Tennessee, Joe Pavelski scored twice to lead San Jose past



Columbus Blue Jackets' Maksim Mayorov, left, of Russia, and Detroit Red Wings' Pavel Datsyuk, also of Russia, chase a loose puck during the third period of an NHL hockey game Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2011, in Columbus, Ohio. The Blue Jackets beat the Detroit Red Wings 4-1.

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Nashville.

Logan Couture also scored for the Sharks. Rookie Craig Smith had the lone Nashville goal.

Just 57 seconds after Smith tied the game at 1-1, Pavelski grabbed a loose puck behind the Nashville goal and stuffed it just inside the right post past Pekka Rinne. Couture scored the game's first goal at 14:22 of the opening period.

Pavelski added an empty net goal with 1:12 to play.

*Blackhawks 3, Ducks 2, SO
At Chicago, Patrick Kane scored the winning goal in a shootout and had two assists in regulation as Chicago edged Anaheim. Marian Hossa and Patrick Sharp scored for Chicago, which has won three of four and recorded at least one point in seven of its eight games.

Teemu Selanne had a goal and an assist for the Ducks in Randy Carlyle's 500th game as Anaheim's head coach. Ryan Getzlaf scored in the opener of the Ducks' seven-game road trip.

*Oilers 3, Canucks 2
At Edmonton, Alberta, Nikolai Khabibulin made 35 saves, and Jordan Eberle and Taylor Hall had a goal and an assist each as Edmonton beat Vancouver. Shawn Horcoff scored for the Oilers, who won their second straight.

Cody Hodgson and Alexandre Burrows responded for the Canucks (4-4-1). Vancouver goalie Roberto Luongo was pulled in the second period after allowing three goals on 14 shots. He was replaced by Cory Schneider who stopped all eight shots he faced.

Edmonton defenseman Ryan Whitney got his skate tied up with teammate Corey Potter midway through the first period and went down hard before limping off the ice. Whitney only played 35 games last season and missed the first four games this season, still recovering from off-season surgery to his right ankle.

*Stars 3, Coyotes 2, SO
At Glendale, Arizona, Trevor Daley scored on Dallas' eighth shootout attempt after Adam Burish equalized with 61 seconds left in regulation, helping Dallas beat Phoenix for its second comeback victory over the Coyotes in two weeks. Dallas rallied to beat Phoenix in a shootout after scoring with 27 seconds left on Oct. 10 and forced another on Burish's one-timer past Mike Smith. □

Panel: Boys should get HPV vaccine given to girls

MIKE STOBBE

AP Medical Writer

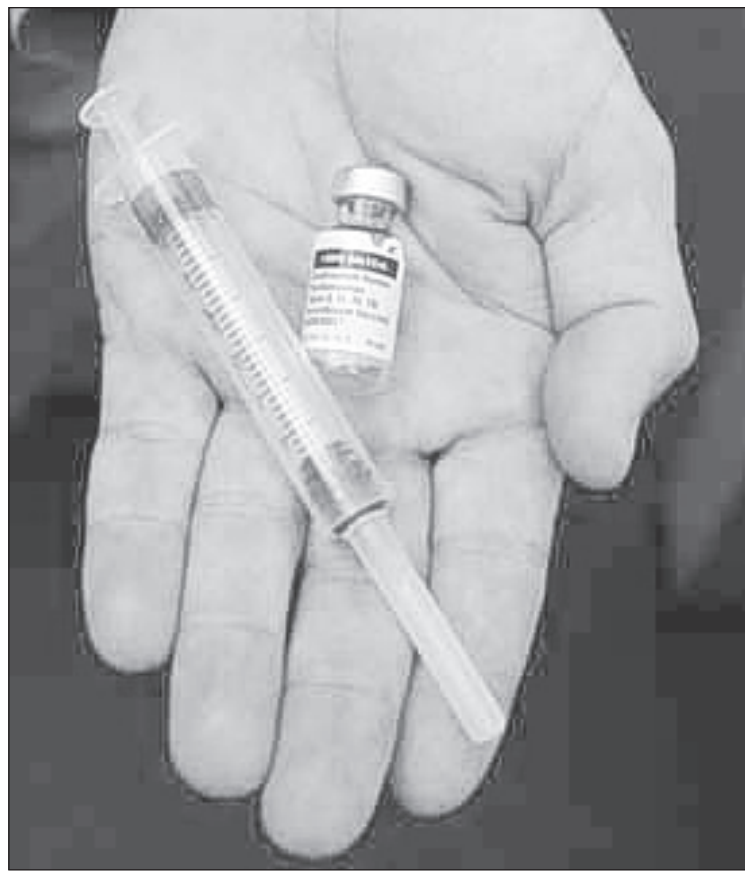
ATLANTA (AP) — A vaccine against cervical cancer hasn't been all that popular for girls. It may be even a harder sell for boys now that it's been recommended for them too.

A government advisory panel on Tuesday decided that the vaccine should also be given to boys, in part to help prevent the cancer-causing virus through sex. Public health officials have tried since 2006 to get parents to have their daughters vaccinated against the human papillomavirus, or HPV, which causes most of the cervical cancer in women.

They have had limited success, hitting a number of hurdles.

Some parents distrust the safety of vaccines, especially newer products. Others don't want to think about their daughters having sex one day, or worry that the vaccine essentially promotes promiscuous behavior.

Tuesday's vote by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' was the first to strongly recommend routine vaccination



In this Monday, Aug. 28, 2006 file photo, a doctor holds the human papillomavirus vaccine Gardasil in his hand at his Chicago office. The controversial HPV shot given to girls should also be given to boys, in part to help prevent the spread of the virus through sex, a government medical panel said Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2011. Associated Press.

for boys since the vaccine was first approved for them two years ago. Officials acknowledged the low rate in girls encouraged them to take a new, hard look.

Experts say a key benefit of

routinely vaccinating boys could be preventing the spread of the virus to others through sex — making up somewhat for the disappointing vaccination rate in girls. But the recommenda-

tion is being framed as an important new measure against cancer in males.

"Today is another milestone in the nation's battle against cancer," said Dr. Anne Schuchat, a U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention administrator who oversees the agency's immunization programs. Federal health officials usually adopt the panel's recommendations and ask doctors and patients to follow them.

The vaccine has been advised for girls since 2006. Just 49 percent of adolescent girls have gotten at least the first of the three HPV shots. Only a third had gotten all three doses by last year.

"Pretty terrible," Schuchat said.

Schuchat attributed the low rates for girls to confusion or misunderstanding by parents that they can wait until their daughter becomes sexually active. It works best if the shots are given before a girl or boy begins having sex.

Some conservatives argue the vaccine could promote promiscuous behavior.

It has come up in the Republican presidential cam-

paign. Texas Gov. Rick Perry came under attack for a 2007 executive order requiring adolescent girls to get the vaccine (with an opt-out clause). When conservative lawmakers rebelled, he backed down.

An estimated 75 to 80 percent of men and women are infected with HPV during their life, but most don't develop symptoms or get sick, according to the CDC. Some infections lead to genital warts, cervical cancer and other cancers, including of the head and neck.

The HPV vaccine is approved for use in males and females ages 9 to 26; it is usually given to 11- and 12-year olds when they get other vaccines. The committee also recommended that males 13 to 21 years get vaccinated.

Tuesday's vote follows recent studies that show the vaccine prevents anal cancer in males, and may work against a type of throat cancer. A study that focused on gay men found it to be 75 percent effective against anal cancer.

While anal cancer has been increasing, it's still fairly rare. □



Francis Gurry, Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization WIPO/OMPI, speaks during a press conference at the European headquarters of the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011. Associated Press

JOHN HEILPRIN

Associated Press

GENEVA (AP) — Eight drug makers have agreed to create a U.N.-administered pool of patented information and other data to spur new research into 21 tropical diseases and ailments, industry and U.N. officials said Wednesday.

The collaborative database will include data drawn from patents, compounds and unpublished results and made available to qualified researchers through royalty-free licenses, said Francis Gurry, director general of the U.N.'s World Intellectual Property Organization.

Gurry told a news

U.N., drug makers to pool data on tropical diseases

conference the collaboration will include eight drug makers — Alnylam, AstraZeneca, Eisai, GlaxoSmithKline, Merck, Novartis, Pfizer and Sanofi — along with the U.S. National Institutes of Health, Washington-based BIO Ventures for Global Health and more than two dozen other academic and nonprofit research organizations.

"A number of the partners have indicated that they will be prepared to host researchers in their facilities in order to support work on neglected tropical diseases, and that is an extremely important step in the transfer of technology process," Gurry said.

It's intended mainly to

benefit developing nations in their fight against malaria, tuberculosis and 19 tropical diseases and other health conditions that the U.N. considers "neglected" such as dengue fever, leprosy, rabies and snakebite. Some of the mechanics of patent sharing, data protection and other details remain to be worked out.

"This is only the start," said Gurry, flanked by AstraZeneca chief executive David Brennan, who also is head of the pharmaceutical industry's global trade group in Geneva, and several other industry officials and African ambassadors from Tanzania and Kenya. "We haven't answered all the questions."

AstraZeneca and Alnylam

are making all their patents available.

For AstraZeneca, Brennan said, that applies to 1,400 "patent families" and more than 25,000 individual patents, even including drugs in the early stages of development.

Brennan said pharmaceutical companies sometimes spend \$2 billion to \$3 billion to bring a new drug to market, yet it makes sense for them to join a collaborative project that can help address "unmet medical needs" in developing countries.

"Intellectual property and, in particular, patent rights, which are always talked about, do not have to be a barrier to access to health care," Brennan said. □

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Report: Facebook plans huge server farm in Sweden

STOCKHOLM (AP) — Facebook plans to build a large server farm in northern Sweden near the Arctic Circle, taking advantage of the chilly climate to keep its equipment cool, a Swedish newspaper reported Wednesday. The Norrbottens Kuriren newspaper said the American social network will announce its plans Thursday in Lulea, site of the operation, which is 60 miles south of the Arctic Circle. The paper cited Jan Fredriksson of Helm1 PR, a public relations agency that represents Facebook in Sweden. Fredriksson and Facebook officials didn't return calls and emails seeking comment Wednesday. Servers inside data centers are the backbone of Internet services such as Facebook, which has an estimated 800 million active users worldwide. The servers store and transmit billions of status updates, links, photos and all the outside apps used by Facebook's members. City officials in Lulea have

said earlier they were in talks with an "American world-leading company" to build the 5-acre data center near the Lulea University of Technology. They declined to comment Wednesday. The three server halls are expected to take three years to build at a cost of up to 5 billion kronor (\$760 million). Lulea officials have stressed the city's access to renewable energy from hydropower facilities near the city and its solid power grid. In case of a blackout, construction designs call for each building to have 14 backup diesel generators with a total output of 40 MW. Officials also emphasize Lulea's favorable climate for the cooling of server halls, with winter temperatures below freezing and summertime highs that rarely climb above 80F (25 C). □



Schrems wasn't quite sure what information about himself Facebook would send him after he filed a request with the social networking giant to receive his personal data, as is required under European law. It certainly wasn't the stack of 1,222 pages worth on a CD that inspired him to launch an online campaign aimed at forcing the social media behemoth to abide by European data privacy laws — something the Palo Alto, California-based company insists it already does. Since August, some 350,000 people have visited the site, dubbed "Europe vs. Facebook," and flooded Facebook's European branch, based in Ireland, with requests for their personal data

Associated Press

U.S., Swedish researchers crack 250-year-old cipher

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Scientists in California and Sweden said they have used computer translation techniques to solve a 250-year-old mystery by deciphering a coded manuscript written for a secret society. The University of Southern California announced Tuesday that researchers had broken the Copiale Cipher, a 105-page, 18th century document from Germany. The handwritten, beautifully bound book didn't contain any sort of Da Vinci Code but rather a snapshot of the arcane rituals practiced by one of the many secret societies that flourished in the 1700s. It also recorded rites for some apparent sects of Freemasonry that showed political leanings. "This opens up a window for people who study the history of ideas and the history of secret societies," USC computer scientist Kevin Knight, who was on

the deciphering team, said in a statement. "Historians believe that secret societies have had a role in revolutions, but all that is yet to be worked out, and a big part of the reason is because so many documents are enciphered." The handwritten Copiale Cipher was discovered in East Berlin after the Cold War and is now in a private collection. Most of the book was written in a cipher of 90 characters that included abstract symbols and Roman and Greek letters. Knight and Beata Megyesi and Christiane Schaefer of Sweden's Uppsala University went to work cracking it earlier this year. They used a computer program to automate a key code-breaking procedure — tallying the frequency and grouping of the letters and symbols — then automated the process of comparing the cipher to known languages. □



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Stocks end higher on reports of help for Europe

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AP Business Writers

NEW YORK (AP) — Stock indexes finished higher Wednesday following reports that China will come to the aid of Europe by investing in a financial rescue fund.

Agence France-Presse reported that China has agreed to invest in Europe's financial rescue fund, which will be used to support struggling countries and banks in the European Union. The Dow Jones industrial average jumped more than 100 points after the report came out in the early afternoon.

Stocks had been mixed for much of the day as investors weighed stronger earnings from Boeing and Corning with uncertainty about the outcome of a key meeting among European leaders.

Top European officials met in Brussels to discuss how to contain the region's debt crisis, which has festered for two years.

One consideration is increasing the power of a financial rescue fund, which Germany's parliament approved shortly before U.S. stock markets opened.

European officials announced a plan after the U.S. market closed that will require the region's banks to increase their levels of cash to better protect themselves from losses on the Greek bonds they hold. European governments have been pressing the banks to

forgive significant amounts of the Greek government's debt.

"This is a total news and rumor-driven market right now, and everyone's attention is focused on Europe,"

latest quarter than analysts expected. It also raised its forecast for 2011 earnings.

The S&P 500 index rose 12.95, or 1.1 percent, to 1,242. The Nasdaq composite added 12.25, or 0.5 percent, to



Trader Neil Catania works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)

said Joe Bell, an analyst at Schaeffer's Investment Research.

The Dow Jones industrial average gained 162.42 points, or 1.4 percent, to 11,869.04. Boeing Co. led the way. It rose 4.5 percent after it reported a bigger profit for its

2,650.67. Amazon.com Inc. slumped 12.7 percent after reporting a 73 percent drop in income.

The retailer cited higher costs for expansion. Strong economic reports also helped send stocks higher. □

Google's 3Q shopping spree snags 27 more companies

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Google spent more than \$500 million to buy another 27 companies during the third quarter, the busiest shopping spree in the Internet search leader's history. The latest flurry of deals raised Google's acquisition count to 57 companies through the first nine months

Google

of the year. That already exceeds Google Inc.'s previous annual record of 48 acquisitions reached last year. The California-based com-

pany updated its list of purchases in a quarterly report filed Wednesday. Google's prized catch from July through September was the Zagat Survey, a renowned publisher of restaurant reviews that started in the 1970s. Google disclosed Wednesday that it paid \$151 million for Zagat. □



Mike Manley, Jeep Brand President and CEO - Chrysler Group LLC, introduces the all-new 2012 Jeep Grand Cherokee SRT8 and the new 2011 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited Mojave. Members of the United Auto Workers union approved a new four-year labor contract with Chrysler on Wednesday, though many voted against the pact. (AP Photo/Lily Kesselman)

Union approves new contract with Chrysler

TOM KRISHER AP Auto Writer

DETROIT (AP) — Members of the United Auto Workers union approved a new four-year labor contract with Chrysler on Wednesday, though many voted against the pact.

The approval means that all three Detroit automakers have signed deals with the union and labor peace is likely at least through September of 2015.

The contracts, reached without strikes or arbitration, should help the union in its efforts to organize workers at U.S. factories owned by foreign automakers, UAW President Bob King said. The UAW has made progress with the companies in confidential discussions, he said, but he would not identify which company the UAW will focus on first.

Overall, about 55 percent of workers casting ballots voted for the contract with Chrysler and 45 percent opposed it.

Salaried and production workers across the U.S. voted in favor of the deal, but skilled trades workers such as electricians and pipe fitters voted it down. So under the union's Constitution, the executive board made the final decision to ratify the pact.

Under the deals, most workers at Chrysler, Ford and General Motors won't get pay raises. But they'll get signing bonuses, profit sharing and other payments. The deals also promise at least 13,000 new jobs at all three companies and give raises to a small number of entry-level workers who make about half the pay of a longtime UAW member. □

OECD:

Brazil's GDP to grow less than 4 pct a year

BRASILIA, Brazil (AP) — The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development predicts that Brazil's gross domestic product will grow less than 4 percent annually during the next two years.

The Paris-based organization says in a report presented Wednesday in Brasilia that Brazil's GDP increase will still be higher than that of developed nations.

Last month Brazil's Central Bank lowered its forecast on economic growth from 4 percent a year to 3.5 percent. The OECD report says curbing inflation is Brazil's "most immediate" challenge. Brazilian prices have been rising at a 7.3 percent annual rate. That is above the official target of 6.5 percent. □

Visa 4Q profit rises 14% on heavy card

EILEEN AJ CONNELLY

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Visa Inc. on Thursday said its fiscal fourth-quarter profit rose 14 percent, as cardholders used their credit and debit cards more often both in the U.S. and abroad.

The San Francisco-based payments processing network said it earned \$880 million, or \$1.27 per share, for the three months ended Sept. 30. That compared with \$774 million, or \$1.06 per share, in the year-earlier period.

There were 5 percent fewer shares outstanding in the most recent quarter, the result of company buybacks, which had the effect of boosting earnings per share.

Revenue rose 13 percent to \$2.38 billion, up from \$2.12 billion last year.

Analysts, on average, were expecting profit of \$1.25 per share, on revenue of \$2.4 billion, according to data by FactSet.

The revenue shortfall was a rare miss for Visa, and shares dipped in aftermarket trading. The stock gave up 2.1 percent, or \$1.92, to \$90.10, after closing the regular Wednesday session up \$1.34 at \$92.02.

Visa said it processed 13 billion transactions during the quarter, up 9 percent from last year.

Worldwide, Visa card holders spent \$1.55 trillion on their cards and for cash advances, with debit outpacing credit. That's up 17 percent from last year's fourth quarter.

In the U.S., credit card users spent \$241 billion using credit cards, up from \$217 billion last year. The increase came even as the number of accounts outstanding continued to drop, shedding another 5 percent to 197 million.

U.S. consumers spent \$384 billion using debit cards, and accounts linked to debit cards continued to rise, adding 5 percent to 309 million. □

Boeing 3Q profit up 31%; cuts delivery forecast



A new Boeing 747-8 freighter plane takes to the air in Everett, Wash., on its first flight following delivery to its first customer, Car-golux. Boeing reported a \$1.1 billion third-quarter profit Wednesday that beat expectations because of strong growth in its defense business.

(AP Photo)

JOSHUA FREED

AP Airlines Writer

Boeing reported a \$1.1 billion third-quarter profit Wednesday that beat expectations because of strong growth in its defense business.

Boeing's revenue is split be-

tween civilian aerospace and government-funded military contracts. When there's a downturn in one, the company still has a chance at profits in the other. Weapons demand in the Middle East and South Asia is helping to offset flat

to potentially lower defense spending in the U.S., said Jim McNerney, Boeing's chairman and CEO.

Meanwhile, profits from Boeing's passenger jet business grew, although more slowly. It also said manufacturing problems have forced it to cut its forecast for deliveries of its two newest jets, including the much-anticipated 787. Boeing's overall net income rose 31 percent. Profit of \$1.46 per share beat analyst expectations, while revenue rose 4 percent to \$17.73 billion.

Boeing's defense division generated operating earnings of \$824 million, up 20 percent. Profits for military aircraft, computer and space systems, and defense services all rose. Boeing makes the CH-47 Chinook transport helicopter, the AH-64 Apache attack helicopter, and the F/A-18 Hornet fighter. □

EU to force banks to raise \$148 billion

GABRIELE STEINHAUSER

AP Business Writer

BRUSSELS (AP) — Big banks across Europe will have to raise €106 billion (\$148 billion) to better withstand the turmoil of the debt crisis, preliminary figures showed, while eurozone leaders neared a deal to boost their bailout fund to over €1 trillion (\$1.4 trillion), a senior official said Wednesday.

The deal to force banks in the European Union to boost their rainy-day funds amid worsening market turmoil is a key part of a broader plan to solve the debt crisis that leaders have promised.

It was, however, only one third of a broader strategy which is expected to also include reducing Greece's debt load and boosting the eurozone's bailout fund.

After much delay, talks on the bailout fund finally saw some progress. The leaders of the 17-country eurozone want to give the fund, the €440 billion European Fi-



The sun is reflected in the euro sculpture in front of the European Central Bank, left, in Frankfurt, Germany, Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011.

(AP Photo/Michael Probst)

nancial Stability Facility, more firepower so it can stop the crisis from engulfing big countries like Italy and Spain.

The question was how to do it with the most impact and the least risk for taxpayers. A senior eurozone official said that consensus was emerging to allow the EFSF

to insure private investors against the first 25 percent of losses on purchases of government bonds and other investments linked to helping the eurozone.

After contributing to the bailouts of Ireland, Portugal and Greece, the EFSF will have only about €270 billion left. □



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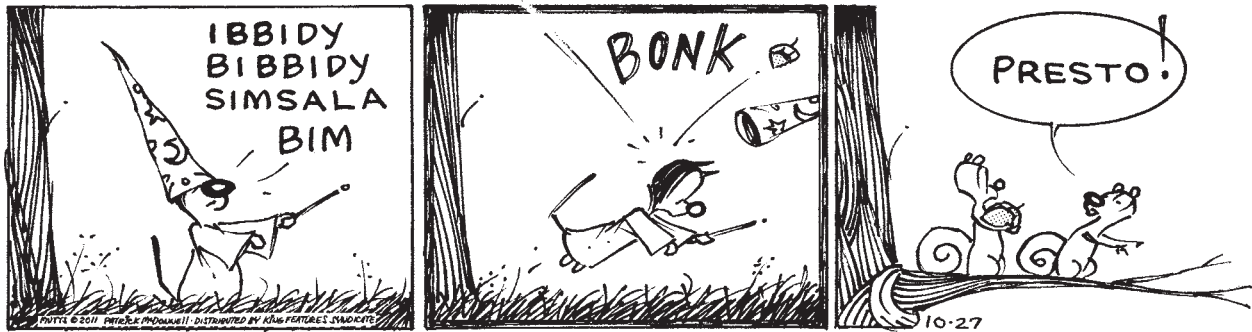
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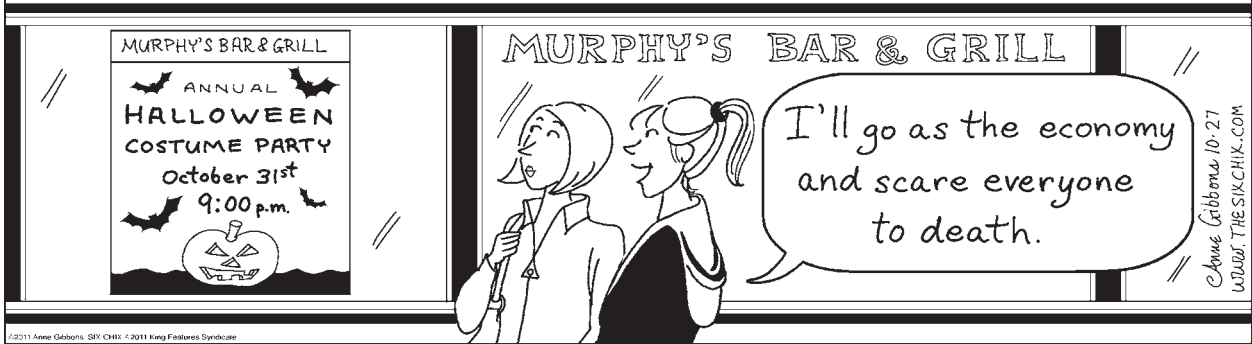
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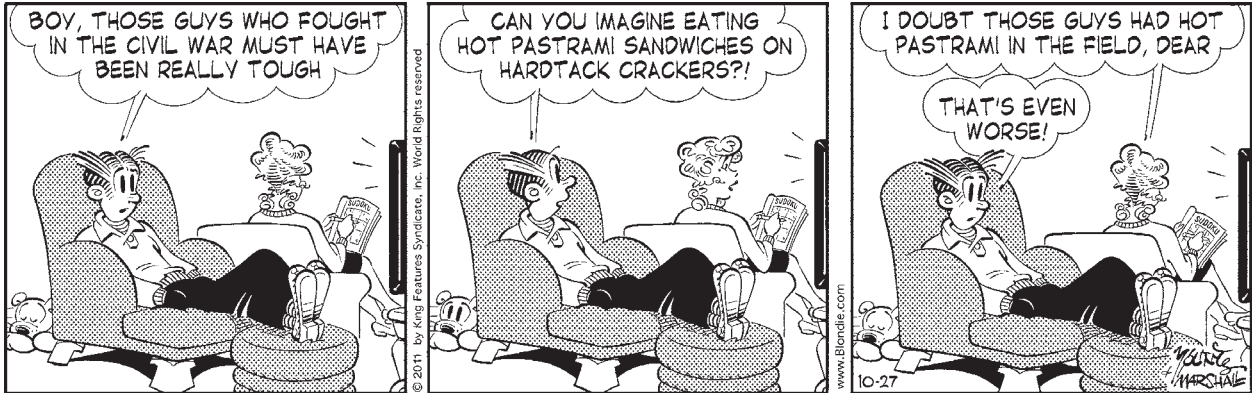
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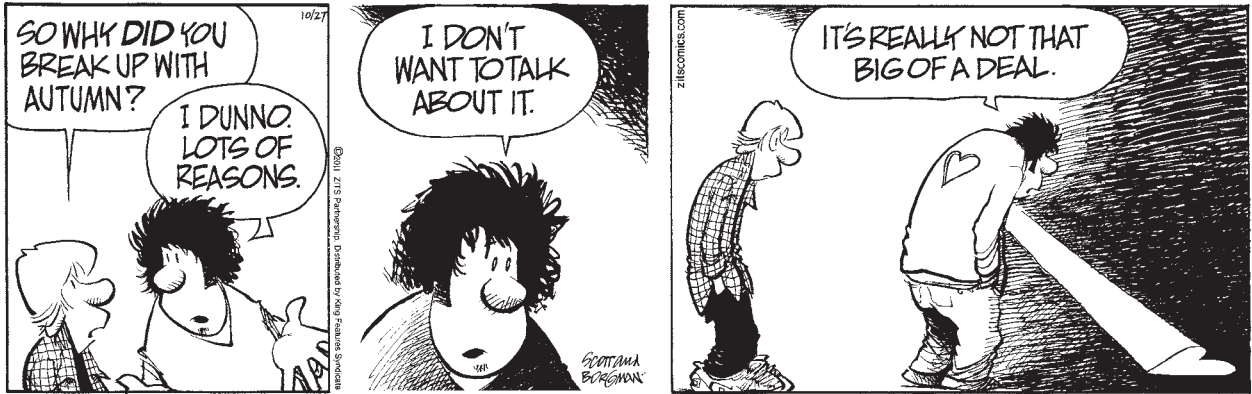
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Difficulty Level ★★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

5	3	4	8	9	2	1	7	6
7	8	2	6	1	5	9	4	3
6	9	1	3	4	7	5	8	2
8	5	6	1	2	3	4	9	7
9	2	3	4	7	8	6	1	5
1	4	7	9	5	6	2	3	8
3	1	8	5	6	4	7	2	9
4	7	5	2	8	9	3	6	1
2	6	9	7	3	1	8	5	4

ACROSS

- 1 Singer Clapton
- 5 Talkative
- 10 Destiny
- 14 Nincompoop
- 15 See eye to eye
- 16 Sour substance
- 17 Narrow valley
- 18 Single
- 20 Certain vote
- 21 Eras
- 22 Suspicious
- 23 Adds a dash of liquor to
- 25 Fast plane
- 26 Steals
- 28 Newark, New

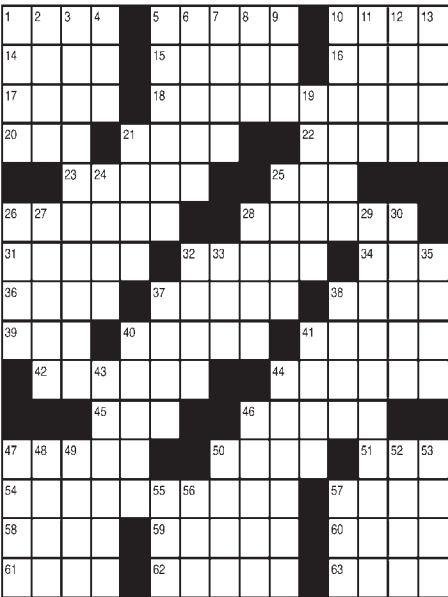
- 31 Lets up
- 32 Skirt fold
- 34 Cut the lawn
- 36 Linkletter and Carney
- 37 Inexperienced
- 38 Carved image of Polynesia
- 39 Island garland
- 40 Single-masted sailboat

- 41 Beer
- 42 Climbed
- 44 In a just way
- 45 Observe
- 46 Money, slangily
- 47 Doctor's viewing device
- 50 Rawls & Gehrig
- 51 Actor __ Allen
- 54 " __ No. 9"; hit 1960s song
- 57 Bedtime on a school night, perhaps
- 58 Prayer closing
- 59 Prize
- 60 Has __ in one's pants; is jittery
- 61 Spoils
- 62 Taxi riders
- 63 Personalities

DOWN

- 1 Uptight
- 2 Acting part
- 3 Starry-eyed
- 4 Swindle
- 5 Measuring devices
- 6 Moorehead of "Bewitched"
- 7 Victoria's Secret purchases
- 8 Wager
- 9 Up to now
- 10 Gem surfaces
- 11 Muscle pain
- 12 Bleachers level
- 13 Small whirlpool
- 19 On the ball
- 21 Experts
- 24 Hairy beasts
- 25 Ms. Stapleton
- 26 Barking marine mammal
- 27 Merchandise
- 28 Grand Cherokee or Wrangler
- 29 Moving from one's native land
- 30 Bumpkin
- 32 Incite to action
- 33 __ G. Carroll
- 35 Lean & supple
- 37 Delight

- 38 Rear of a plane
- 40 Slumber
- 41 Asian nation
- 43 Fluttering trees
- 44 Establishes
- 46 Mary Tyler __
- 47 Close noisily
- 48 Unconscious state
- 49 Above
- 50 Dishonest one
- 52 Vanished __ thin air
- 53 State of disarray
- 55 Clumsy fellow
- 56 Defunct airline
- 57 No, in Scotland



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

SAM	SHACK	AVES
ICON	HANOI	LIVE
BILE	ASTIN	UNIT
DEPARTING	MELS	
TIDE	CON	
ALBUMS	STRAIGHT	
SEANS	FLOAT	RAW
HALE	CLIMB	ROVE
EVE	ALANS	LEVEE
NESTLING	DEPEND	
HEN	FOOL	
ZITI	CHAINS	SAWS
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Today In History

Today is Thursday, October 27, the 300th day of 2011. There are 65 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1651 - Limerick, Ireland, surrenders to British after lengthy siege.

1787 - The first of the Federalist Papers, a series of essays calling for ratification of the U.S. Constitution, is published in a New York newspaper.

1806 - France's Napoleon Bonaparte occupies Berlin.

1807 - Spain and France agree to conquer Portugal.

1871 - Britain annexes the diamond fields of Kimberly, South Africa.

1904 - The first rapid transit subway opens in New York City.

1922 - Southern Rhodesia referendum rejects joining Union of South Africa.

1938 - U.S. company DuPont, announces the invention of nylon.

1943 - Germans close the Norway-Sweden border after moving up additional troops during World War II.

1961 - U.S. and Soviet tanks are brought to the border between East and West Berlin because of a decree ordering all foreigners to submit to identity controls on entering East Berlin.

1966 - The U.N. General Assembly proclaims termination of South Africa's mandate over Southwest Africa, which later became the nation of Namibia.

1973 - U.N. peacekeeping forces arrive in Cairo to attempt to set up a lasting cease-fire between Israeli and Arab forces.

1975 - Egypt's President Anwar Sadat and Israel's Prime Minister Menachem Begin are awarded Nobel Peace Prize.

1977 - U.S. President Jimmy Carter rules out any U.S. embargo on trade with South Africa or any ban on U.S. investments to protest its racial policies.

1987 - South Korean voters approve a new constitution, clearing the way for the first direct presidential



Today is Theodore Roosevelt's birthday

elections in 16 years.

1989 - Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega announces an end to cease-fire with U.S.-backed anti-Sandinista rebels.

1990 - Roman Catholic bishops concluded a month-long synod in Rome, reaffirming the policy of celibacy for priests. The possibility of easing the church's opposition to married priests came up as a way to help overcome a shortage of clerics in some dioceses.

1992 - Israeli jets bomb Southern Lebanon avenging the deaths of six Israelis, but the Israeli government resists calls to withdraw from Middle East peace talks.

1995 - After eluding a massive manhunt for three days, a North Korean spy is fatally shot when he tries to break through a cordon of South Korean commandos on a mountain near the border between the two countries.

1997 - The Dow Jones industrial average tumbles

554.26 points, forcing the stock market to shut down for the first time since the 1981 assassination attempt on U.S. President Ronald Reagan.

1999 - Up to five gunmen seize Armenia's parliament in a torrent of automatic weapons fire, killing the prime minister and seven others before taking dozens hostage; the U.S. federal budget surplus is put at \$123 billion in 1998, marking the first back-to-back surpluses since the 1950s.

2001 - Britain announces it will provide up to 600 special forces for operations in Afghanistan in a sign that allied forces are preparing for a sustained campaign of raids.

2002 - Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva wins Brazil's presidential runoff election, becoming the nation's first leftist and working-class president.

2003 - Five coordinated suicide bombing attacks kill at least 35 people in Baghdad, and wounded more than 200 others.

2004 - Pleading they cannot properly defend an unwilling client, Slobodan Milosevic's court-appointed lawyers ask to quit, leaving the U.N. tribunal in a dilemma over how to conclude the most important war crimes trial in half a century in a way history will judge as fair.

2005 - Israel kills seven Palestinians in a missile strike against Islamic Jihad, and Prime Minister Ariel Sharon refuses to meet with the Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas until he cracks down on armed groups.

2006 - Germany's military suspended two soldiers from duty in connection with photos of troops posing with a skull in Afghanistan.

2007 - Astronauts add a new room to the international space station, attaching a bus-sized living compartment named Harmony with the help of spacewalkers working outside and robot arm operators working inside.

2008 - Mexicans would live an average of two months longer if they breathed cleaner air, Harvard researchers conclude. □

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Penelope Cruz: being a mom makes you grow

ROME (AP) — A new mother herself, Penelope Cruz says her current film role as a single mom is one of the most beautiful characters she has ever played. Cruz made a cameo appearance in Rome on Wednesday night on the eve of the Rome Film Festival. She had been in Bosnia recently filming Sergio Castellitto's "Venuto al Mondo" about a single woman who brings her teenage son to Sarajevo, where the boy's father died during the 1990s Bosnian conflict. She told reporters being a mother is the strongest experience a woman can



Actress Penelope Cruz poses during a photo call prior to the start of a press conference a day before the 6th edition of the Rome International Film Festival in Rome, Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011.

Associated Press

have. Cruz and husband actor Javier Bardem became parents of a baby boy in January. Cruz, stunning in a somber black suit, says every experience in life makes you change and grow. □

Bruce Willis expecting a baby with wife Emma

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bruce Willis is adding to his brood. A representative for the 56-year-old actor says he is expecting a baby with wife Emma Heming Willis. Publicist Samantha Mast says this is the first child for the couple, who were married in March, 2009. Willis and his wife are "overjoyed with this news and they look forward to welcoming this newest addition into their family," according to a statement released Wednesday. Willis has three daughters — 23-year-old Rumer, 20-year-old Scout and 17-year-old Tallulah Belle — from his previous marriage to Demi Moore. □



In this Jan. 16, 2011 file photo, actor Bruce Willis arrives with his wife Emma Heming at the Weinstein Company Golden Globes after party in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Associated Press

Coroner: Amy Winehouse died from too much alcohol

SYLVIA HUI

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Amy Winehouse drank herself to death. That was the ruling of a coroner's inquest into the death of the Grammy-winning soul singer, who died with empty vodka bottles in her room and lethal amounts of alcohol in her blood — more than five times the British drunk driving limit.

Coroner Suzanne Greenaway gave a verdict of "death by misadventure," saying Wednesday the singer suffered accidental alcohol poisoning when she resumed drinking after weeks of abstinence.

"The unintended consequence of such potentially fatal levels (of alcohol) was her sudden and unexpected death," Greenaway said.

The 27-year-old Winehouse had fought a very public battle with drug and alcohol abuse for years, and there had been much speculation that she died from a drug overdose. But a pathologist said the small amount of a drug prescribed to help her cope with the symptoms of alcohol withdrawal had nothing to do with her death. Instead, a resumption of heavy drinking killed the singer, best-known for her tall beehive hairdos and Grammy-winning album "Back to Black."

A security guard found Winehouse dead in bed at her London home on July 23.

"She's made tremendous efforts over the years," said Dr. Christina Romete, who had treated Winehouse. But "she had her own way



In this Friday Feb. 16, 2007 file photo British singer Amy Winehouse poses for photographs after being interviewed by the Associated Press at a studio in north London.

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and was very determined to do everything her way." Winehouse gave up illicit drugs in 2008, but had swerved between heavy alcohol use and abstinence for a long time, Romete said. The singer had resumed drinking in the days before her death after staying away from alcohol for most of July, she said.

Romete said she warned Winehouse of the dangers of alcoholism. "The advice I had given to Amy over a long period of time was verbal and in written form about all the effects alcohol can have on the system, including respiratory depression and death, heart problems, fertility problems and liver problems," she said.

Winehouse joins a long list of celebrities who died after fighting alcohol problems, including jazz great Billie Holiday, AC/DC lead singer Bon Scott, film legend Richard Burton, writ-

ers Dylan Thomas and Jack Kerouac, and country music pioneer Hank Williams.

Witnesses testifying Wednesday said the singer showed no signs she wanted to kill herself and had spoken of her weekend plans as well as her upcoming birthday just hours before she was found dead.

"She was looking forward to the future," Romete said, describing Winehouse as "tipsy" but calm when they met the night before her death. That night, her live-in security guard said he heard her laughing, watching television and listening to music at home.

The guard, Andrew Morris, said he knew she had resumed drinking, but did not notice anything unusual until he found that she had stopped breathing in bed the next afternoon.

Police Detective Inspector Les Newman said three empty vodka bottles — two large and one small — were found in her bedroom.

Pathologist Suhail Baithun said blood and urine samples indicated Winehouse had consumed a "very large quantity of alcohol" prior to her death. The level of alcohol in her blood was 416 milligrams per 100 milliliters, he said — a blood alcohol level of 0.4 percent. The British and U.S. legal drunk-driving limit is 0.08 percent.

The singer's parents attended the hearing, but did not speak to reporters. In a statement, Winehouse family spokesman Chris Goodman said it was a relief to the family "to finally find out what happened to Amy." □

Paraguay: Aerosmith's Tyler hurt in hotel fall

ASUNCION, Paraguay (AP) — Organizers say an Aerosmith concert in Paraguay will be postponed one day after singer Steven Tyler fell in his hotel bathroom, hitting his face and breaking two teeth.

Garzia Group spokesman Marcelo Antunez is calling

the accident "minor" and says the concert will be held on Wednesday.

Antunez said Tuesday that Tyler was treated at a local hospital for cuts on his face and received two dental implants for the lost teeth.

He said the 63-year-old singer was "once again in

the Bourbon hotel" recovering for the concert.

Antunez says it will be the first time Aerosmith has played in Paraguay and organizers expected more than 50,000 people will attend the concert.

The concert was originally scheduled for Tuesday. □

In this Aug. 3, 2009 file photo, Aerosmith lead singer Steven Tyler speaks during a news conference in Deadwood, S.D.

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APNewsBreak: Stevie Wonder headlines NYE in Las Vegas

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Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Music legend Stevie Wonder plans to headline in Sin City on New Year's Eve, playing to a ballroom crowd at the Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas and to thousands of revelers on the Las Vegas Strip by video.

Casino officials told The Associated Press the 25-time Grammy winner known for top hits including "Superstition" and "You are the Sunshine of My Life" will be its top performer one year after an exclusive grand opening bash that featured Jay-Z and Coldplay. This year's party is slightly more accessible than last year's invite-only affair — a limited number of tickets start at \$250 and include an open bar. The New Year's Eve show caps a year of entertainment at the Cosmopolitan that featured top acts including Adele, the Flaming Lips and Deadmau5.

Wonder's concert will stream to parties on the Las Vegas Strip, which will shut down to vehicle traffic and fill up with tourists. Lisa Marchese, the Cosmopolitan's chief marketing of-



In this Sept.30,2011 file photo American singer Stevie Wonder performs during the Rock in Rio music festival, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Music legend Wonder plans to headline on the Las Vegas Strip on New Year's Eve.

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ficer, said Wonder has proven over several decades of performing he can appeal to audiences young and old. In June, the former child prodigy was honored at the Apollo in New York with induction into the Legends Hall of Fame, joining Aretha Franklin, Michael Jackson and Ella Fitzgerald. But Wonder, who has seven Billboard No. 1 singles, got top billing in September at the Austin City Limits music festival, which featured dozens of acts including Coldplay, Kanye West and

Arcade Fire. "He's gotten cool again in a whole different way with a young group of people who didn't grow up with his music," Marchese said. "He's legendary, he's an impresario, he's contemporary but old school in this really unexpected way." Marchese said other acts and surprises would likely be added to the show, and other acts will perform throughout the property, including Mayer Hawthorne at a lounge on the casino floor. □

Cowell talks voting by social media on 'X Factor'

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NEW YORK (AP) — Simon Cowell doesn't use Twitter but he wants "X Factor" fans to use the site to vote for their favorite contestants.

The Fox show announced Tuesday that beginning Nov. 2, fans can cast a ballot by sending a direct message over Twitter to the official "X Factor" account.

Viewers can also cast a ballot on the show's Facebook page and its official website.

"It's a sign of the times," said Cowell, who believes more votes will come in as a result of expanding the process.

"Sites like Twitter and Facebook give (the audience) a much bigger voice."

Aside from social media, votes can be sent the old fashioned way, by making a phone call or sending a text message and by using a special App created for Verizon Android devices. Cowell uses the Internet to gauge what people think of the series so far.

He goes online during and after the show to see what people are saying and plans to join Twitter once



In this Sept. 14, 2011 file photo, Simon Cowell, executive producer and judge on "The X Factor," poses at a world premiere screening event for the singing competition series in Los Angeles.

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he learns "how to type quicker."

The show is averaging about 12.5 million viewers an episode, but one thing that's hindered it in recent weeks is the Major League Baseball World Series. Games on Fox have preempted the show leading to confusion among viewers and causing some DVRs to not record "X Factor."

Cowell says the conflict has been frustrating but they "knew in advance this was going to happen." He believes the ratings have been consistent so far and word of mouth will get people to tune in.

On Tuesday's first live show, five acts were cut leaving 12 remaining contestants. With the competition heating up, so has the tension among its judges, who are each mentoring a class of contestants. Cowell has the girls.

LA Reid is mentoring the boys. Paula Abdul is helping the groups and Nicole Scherzinger has the solo acts over 30 years old.

Cowell says Abdul claims to have the hardest category to mentor, but disagrees with her.

He mentored the groups in the U.K. version of the show and "loved doing it."

"Right now each judge has someone in their category who could win the show," he said.

"But if I had to bet on it, I'd back me." □

New bio of Dickens, in time for his bicentennial

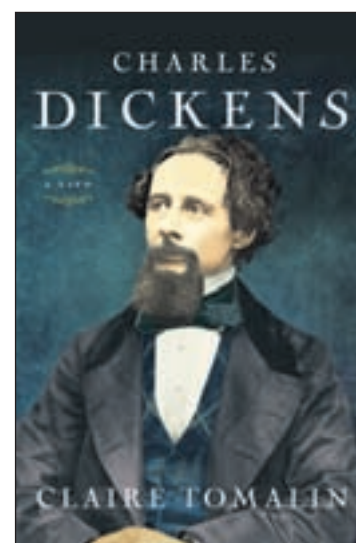
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For The Associated Press
"Charles Dickens: A Life" (The Penguin Press), by Claire Tomalin: Charles Dickens published his first story in a London monthly at age 22. Although he wasn't paid and it appeared without his name, he was so overcome with joy and pride it took him half an hour to recover.

When he died of a stroke 36 years later, he had earned a fortune many times over and had been hailed as the greatest novelist of the 19th century. The story of how Dickens rose to such heights from a modest background, forced to leave school at 15 by his parents, who could no longer afford the fees, is no less epic

than his sprawling novels. Now, a splendid history by the noted English biographer and journalist Claire Tomalin has been published, just months before the bicentennial of Dickens' Feb. 7, 1812, birth. It is a tale of two Dickens: the tenderhearted social critic with a soft spot for prostitutes, orphans and the disabled, and the raging egomaniac, who dumped the wife who bore him 10 children because she was fat and dull and he had fallen hard for an actress, Nelly Ternan, 27 years his junior. Scholarly but accessible, the book vividly conjures the idyllic countryside outside London, where Dickens spent his boyhood, and then the sooty districts of the rapidly industrializing city,

where he set himself on the path to becoming a writer. Tomalin skillfully presents the chief trauma of Dickens' young life — being sent to work in a factory at age 12, after his father was imprisoned for debt — and suggests the ways it left a lasting mark, from his sympathy for the working class to his towering ambition and Herculean work ethic. Though Tomalin, whose previous work includes a prize-winning biography of Ternan, rightly celebrates Dickens' genius, she is clear-eyed about his faults, as a writer and a human being. She quotes his daughter Katey: "He was not a good man ... but he was wonderful!" Among his sins, the creator of Tiny Tim and Little Nell neglected his own children.



In this book cover image released by The Penguin Press, "Charles Dickens: A Life," by Claire Tomalin, is shown.

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Of the 10, only two forged anything like an independent path to success. □

The fighter fallacy



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The elemental question in American politics is: Do voters trust their government? During the middle of the 20th century, more than 70 percent of Americans said that they trusted government to do the right thing most of the time.

During the 1970s, that fell. By the Iraq war, only 25 percent trusted government. Now, amid the economic slowdown, public trust has hit an all-time low. According to a CNN/ORC International poll, only 15 percent of Americans asked said that they trust the federal government to do the right thing most of the time. This is a problem for Democrats. But Democrats can win elections in this climate if they defuse the Big Government/Small Government ideological debate. With his Third Way approach, Bill Clinton established that he was not a Big Government liberal. Once he crossed that threshold, he could get voters to think about his individual policies, which were actually quite popular. Clinton made a national election feel like a state election (state and local governments are still trusted, and voters are less ideological when voting for those offices). Barack Obama also crossed the ideological threshold in 2008, running as a post-partisan unifier. But the government activism of his first two years reawakened the Big Government/Small Government frame. Independents and moderate conservatives recoiled. The Pew Research Center asks voters to place themselves and the two parties on a left-right ideological continuum. In 2006, independent voters said felt they were twice as close to the Democrats as they were to the too-conservative Republicans. Today, they say they feel twice as close to the Republicans. On issue after issue, the electorate has shifted rightward as independents have moved closer to the GOP. According to a Gallup poll, 64 percent of Americans who were asked said they primarily blamed government for the economic slowdown, whereas only 30 percent said they blamed the financial institutions. According to a Congressional Connections poll, 55 percent of adults said they believed government regulation has been a "major factor" in the current economic slowdown. The Occupy Wall Street placards

advocate income redistribution, but data from the General Social Survey shows that support for redistribution has plummeted during the recession, with the sharpest declines coming among people earning between \$7 and \$9 an hour. After the shellacking in the 2010 midterms, Obama tried to cut deals and win back independent voters. But Republicans weren't willing to meet him halfway – or even 10 percent of the way. Liberals scolded Obama for being spineless, while the sour stagnation locked everything in place. Obama's latest job approval rating among independents is only 36 percent, according to Gallup.

So Obama faced a choice. Double down on conciliator mode or become a fighter. Think of the latter as the Bibi Netanyahu strategy: Since I have no negotiating partner I'm going to come out swinging in a way that pleases my base. If Obama were a Republican, he could win with this sort of strategy: Repeat your party's most orthodox positions and then rip your opponent to shreds. Republicans can win a contest between an orthodox Republican and an orthodox Democrat because they have the trust in government issue on their side. Democrats do not have that luxury. The party of government cannot win an orthodox vs. orthodox campaign when 15 percent of Americans trust government. It certainly can't do it presiding over 9 percent unemployment. It's suicide. Yet this is the course the Obama campaign has chosen. He's campaigning these days as the populist fighter, the scourge of the privileged class. Obama, who sounded so fresh in 2008, now sometimes sounds a bit like Al Gore and Nancy Pelosi. Obama, who inspired the country, now threatens to run a campaign that is viciously negative. Obama, a natural unifier and conciliator, seems on the verge of running as a divisive populist while accusing Mitt Romney, his possible opponent, of being inauthentic. It's misguided.

It repels independents, who don't like the finance majors who went to Wall Street but trust the history majors who went to Washington even less.

Obama would be wiser to champion a Grand Bargain strategy. Use the congressional deficit supercommittee to embrace the sort of new social contract we've been circling around for the past few years: simpler taxes, reformed entitlements, more money for human capital, growth and innovation. Don't just whisper Grand Bargain in back rooms with John Boehner. Make it explicit. Take it to the country. Lower the ideological atmosphere and get everybody thinking concretely about the real choices facing the nation.

If you don't trust voters to be serious, they won't trust you. □



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Who would have predicted it? Barack Obama has turned out to be so much more adept at implementing George W. Bush's foreign policy than Bush was, but he is less adept at implementing his own. The reasons, though, are obvious. In his own way, Obama has brought the country to the right strategy for Bush's "war on terrorism." It is a serious, focused combination of global intelligence coordination, targeted killing of known terrorists and limited interventions – like Libya – that leverage popular forces on the ground and allies, as well as a judicious use of U.S. power, so that we keep the costs and risks down. In Libya, Obama saved lives and gave Libyans a chance to build a decent society. What they do with this opportunity is now up to them. I am still wary, but Obama handled his role exceedingly well.

No doubt George Bush and Dick Cheney thought that both Iraq and Afghanistan would be precisely such focused, limited operations. Instead, they each turned out to be like a bad subprime mortgage – a small down payment with a huge balloon five years down the road. They thought they would be able to "flip" the house before the balloon came due. But partly because of their incompetence and lack of planning, it took much longer to flip the house to new owners, and the price America paid was huge. Iraq may still have a decent outcome – I hope so, and it would be important – but even if it becomes Switzerland, we overpaid for it.

So let's be clear: Up to now, as a commander in chief in the war on terrorism, Obama and his national

Barack Kissinger Obama

security team have been so much smarter, tougher and cost-efficient in keeping the country safe than the "adults" they replaced. It isn't even close, which is why the GOP's elders have such a hard time admitting it.

But while Obama has been deft at implementing Bush's antiterrorism policy, he has been less successful with his own foreign policy. His Arab-Israeli diplomacy has been a mess. His hopes of engaging Iran foundered on the rocks of, well, Iran. He's made little effort to pull together a multilateral coalition to buttress the Arab Awakening, in places like Egypt, to handle the post-revolution challenges. His ill-considered decision to double down on Afghanistan could prove fatal. He is in a war of words with Pakistan. His global climate policy is an invisible embarrassment. And the coolly calculating Chinese and Russians, while occasionally throwing him a bone, pursue their interests with scant regard to Obama's preferences. Why is that?

Here I come to defend Obama not to condemn him.

True, he was naive about how much his star power, or that of his secretary of state, would get others to swoon in behind us.

But Obama's frustrations in bagging a big, nonmilitary foreign policy achievement are rooted in a much broader structural problem – one that also explains why we have not produced a history-changing secretary of state since the cold war titans Henry Kissinger, George Shultz and James Baker. The reason:

The world has gotten messier and America has lost leverage. When Kissinger was negotiating in the Middle East in the 1970s, he had to persuade just three people to make a deal: an all-powerful Syrian dictator, Hafez Assad; an Egyptian pharaoh, Anwar Sadat; and an Israeli prime minister with an overwhelming majority, Golda Meir.

To make history, Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, by

contrast, need to extract a deal from a crumbling Syrian regime, a crumbled Egyptian regime, a fractious and weak Israeli coalition and a Palestinian movement broken into two parts.

We don't even bother anymore to negotiate with the flimsy civilian government in Pakistan. We just go right to its military, which only wants to perpetuate the conflict with India – and exploit Afghanistan as a chip in that war – to justify the Pakistani Army's endless consumption of so many state resources. Making history through diplomacy "depends on making deals with other governments," says Michael Mandelbaum, the Johns Hopkins University foreign policy expert (and co-author with me on "That Used to Be Us"). "But now, to make such deals, we actually have to build the governments we want to negotiate with – and we can't do that." Indeed, in so many hot spots today, we have to do nation-building before we can do diplomacy. So many states propped up by the cold war are failing.

And where states are stronger – like Russia, China and Iran – we have less leverage because leverage is ultimately a function of economic strength.

And while many of America's companies are still strong, our government is mired in debt. When a nation is in debt as deep as we are – with severe defense cuts inevitable – its bark is always bigger than its bite.

The best way for us to gain leverage on Russia and Iran would be with an energy policy that reduced the price and significance of oil.

The only way to gain more leverage on China is if we increase our savings and graduation rates – and export more and consume less. That isn't in the cards.

So, Mama, tell your children not to grow up to be secretary of state or a foreign policy president – not until others have done more nation-building abroad and we've done more nation-building at home. □

Ralph Lauren dishes to Oprah

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NEW YORK – There was no time allotted for audience questions during “An Evening With Ralph Lauren.” There was no need for

on gravity-defying carbon-fiber chairs, backed by movie screens in beveled ebony picture frames – you could not escape the feeling that they were taping a bonus episode of “The

red heels that were visible as she sat with her legs crossed. “How’d that happen so soon?”

Drawing Lauren out onstage, for a benefit that raised more than \$7 million jointly for Lincoln Center and the Ralph Lauren Center for Cancer Care and Prevention, was a fairly big deal, given the designer’s reluctance to grant interviews (unless they are suitably regal affairs). Winfrey, who interviewed him in May for one of the final episodes of her show, paid homage and beyond, at one point saying it took her 25 years to get an interview with Lauren, at another describing a feeling of awe as she drove by his Colorado ranch, measuring the length of the front fence (seven miles). The questions were signature Oprah: “How’d you get to be so darned American?” “Do you still break the rules, Ralph?” “Were you ever scared?” “What makes you most proud?” And the answers were signature Ralph, touching, surprisingly humble. “I’m scared every day,” Lauren said. When he watches videos of his old fashion shows, he said, “my hands get sweaty, and I say I can’t believe I lived through that.” □



Ralph Lauren and Oprah Winfrey on stage after the fashion show during “An Evening with Ralph Lauren” at the Lincoln Center in New York, Oct. 24, 2011. Winfrey was granted an elusive interview with Lauren at the benefit, which raised more than \$7 million jointly for the Lincoln Center and the Ralph Lauren Center for Cancer Care and Prevention. (Deidre Schoo/The New York Times)

them, either, on Monday night at Lincoln Center, when said evening consisted of watching Lauren being interviewed onstage by none other than the queen of talk shows, Oprah Winfrey. Although the Deco-from-the-future stage was a little nicer than her set – with Lauren and Winfrey sitting

Oprah Winfrey Show,” recently departed. Some guests glanced under their seats to see if they were getting a surprise. “I’m back in the two chairs,” Winfrey said, wearing a red gown with a criss-cross bodice that created a loose portrait neckline (it was designed by Lauren, of course), and lacquered



A model presents lingerie at the Ordifen Cup China Lingerie Design Contest during the China Fashion Week in Beijing, China, Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011.

(AP Photo/Alexander F. Yuan)

Black wedding gowns Go from runway to aisle

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After a season of high-profile weddings, beginning with Kate Middleton’s royal affair and culminating with Kim Kardashian’s blowout, could bridal designers be experiencing white-dress fatigue? For her fall 2012 bridal show this month, Vera Wang, who designed Kardashian’s wedding dress and those of countless other famous brides, sent a flock of black wedding dresses down the runway. “I found black to

industry that is as tradition-bound as this one, and given Wang’s reputation as a setter of trends – wedding attire as ready-to-wear; gowns with swirls of ruffles (see Chelsea Clinton) – the collection caused quite a front-row stir. “It was shocking and outrageous, but it was also fabulous,” said Mark Ingram, the owner of the Mark Ingram Bridal Atelier in Manhattan. “It was bold, but it also made me pay attention to the details all that more carefully.” Wang balanced her inky



A model presents a black wedding dress design by Vera Wang, in an undated handout photo. Vera Wang, the bridal design trendsetter, has caused a front-row stir with a flock of black wedding dresses at her fall 2012 bridal show.

(The New York Times)

be fresh and tongue-in-cheek,” Wang said in a telephone interview. “With all the big weddings that happened this year, it was fun to step out of the box.” Wang, who has been in the bridal business for nearly 22 years, has dabbled in purple, pale green and dusky neutrals in past bridal collections, but never in a palette this outre. In an

palette with sheer layering on bodices and skirts. She drew on lingerie motifs with exposed corsets, and added insets of frothy gray tulle. Even so, the looks were far from sweet and virginal; they were almost gothic. “I did take it to a witchy kind of place,” she admitted. “For me, it helped build a sense of mystery that I was hungry for.” □